

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. TML-T-19-01
OF TDS METROCOM, LLC FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND NECESSITY)	
)	NOTICE OF
)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 34279
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On February 1, 2019, TDS Metrocom, LLC (the Company) applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) allowing it to provide telecommunications service in Idaho. The Company amended its application on February 6, 2019 to include a new price list.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting comment and reply deadlines.¹

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company states it is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in Idaho. The Company states it is wholly-owned by TDS Long Distance Corporation. TDS Long Distance Corporation is wholly-owned by TDS Telecommunications LLC (TDS Telecom), which is wholly-owned by Telephone & Data Systems, Inc. (TDS). The Company notes it is affiliated with Potlatch Telephone Company dba TDS Telecom and TDS Long Distance Corporation, which have operated in Idaho for years.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states it intends to provide facilities-based competitive telecommunications service through its own loop and switching and transport facilities and through agreements with other carriers. Services would include transport and termination of interexchange toll services to be provided via the Company's network and using other long distance carriers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company would initially offer service near Coeur d' Alene, Hayden, Post Falls, and Rathdrum, Idaho. But it seeks a CPCN that would allow

¹ In this order, the Commission refers to the application and amended pricelist together as the "Application."

it to provide access to the full range of resold and facilities-based local and interexchange services to residences and businesses throughout Idaho. The Company expects to compete with Time Warner, Charter, and Frontier.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states it has not yet initiated interconnection negotiations but would do so shortly after the Application is approved.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states it would not require customers to pay advance deposits.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents it has reviewed and agrees to comply with the Commission's rules governing the provision of service as a competitive local exchange carrier.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to "Open Telephone Cases," and then click on the case number shown in the caption to this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 62 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 62-604, 62-615, and 62-622. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 62 and Commission Rule of Procedure 114. *See* IDAPA 31.01.01.114.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through.204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application **may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by no later than twenty-one days following issuance of this Notice.** The comment must contain a

statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments about this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
Commission**

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

For the Company:

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Boise, ID 83702-5918

These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Consumers" tab then click the "Case Comment or Question Form" and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Applicant shall file reply comments, if necessary, **by within seven days following the comment period.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

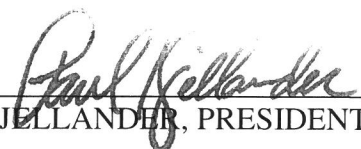
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so within twenty-one days of issuance of this Order. The Applicant may file reply comments within seven days after the comment period.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this
day of March, 2019.

19th



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


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Commission Secretary

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