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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
VOLO COMMUNICATIONS OF IDAHO, INC.)	CASE NO. VOL-T-03-1
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENI-)	
ENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL)	
EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	COMMENTS OF THE
SERVICES.)	COMMISSION STAFF
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COMES NOW the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of record, Lisa Nordstrom, Deputy Attorney General, in response to the Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure in Order No. 29400, submits the following comments.

BACKGROUND

On November 17, 2003, Volo Communications of Idaho, Inc. ("Volo" or "Company") filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange and interexchange services within the state of Idaho. Principally located in Altamonte Springs, Florida, Volo is a subsidiary of Volo Communications, Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Caerus, Inc. Volo is incorporated

in the State of Delaware. The Company indicated it intended to initially provide services in the service areas of Qwest and Verizon.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed Volo's Application and additional supporting material. Staff believes it satisfies the requirements of the Commission's Rule of Procedure 111, IDAPA 31.01.01.111, and Procedural Order No. 26665 issued November 7, 1996, which sets out the necessary information to be included with an application for a certificate.

The Application indicated Volo would be providing both facilities-based and resold services primarily to business customers. The Company provided resumes for the key individuals in the Company indicating significant experience in the telecommunications field, in both management and technical positions. Staff believes the Company has demonstrated sufficient expertise for the types of services they intend to provide. The Company does not intend to require deposits.

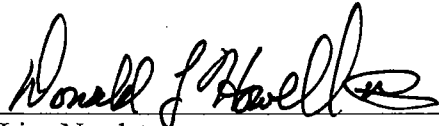
The parent company, Volo Communications, is a relatively new business that began operation in March 2002. The Application included confidential un-audited financial information for Volo Communications for January through August 2003. As expected for a company in the early stages of start-up, this information did not indicate a strong financial position. However, the risk to any individual basic local exchange customer would be limited to the cost of one, and possibly two months worth of service, which Staff believes is minimal. Therefore, Staff finds that the benefits of a bond or other financial security instrument would be outweighed by the cost of distributing the proceeds and other administrative functions. Therefore, Staff does not recommend imposing a financial security requirement.

Volo specifically indicated in its Application it will comply with all Commission rules. It has provided an illustrative tariff that demonstrates an understanding of tariffing requirements and processes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competitive local exchange service be issued to Volo Communications of Idaho, Inc.

Respectively submitted this 5th day of January, 2004.

for 
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2003, SERVED THE FOREGOING **COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION STAFF**, IN CASE NO. VOL-T-03-01, BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE FOLLOWING:

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