

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF WIDE VOICE, LLC FOR REGISTRATION)	CASE NO. WVL-T-15-02
TO PROVIDE FACILITIES-BASED)	
WHOLESALE LOCAL)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES)	ORDER NO. 33477
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On December 15, 2015, Wide Voice, LLC (“Wide Voice” or “Company”) filed an Application with the Commission for registration to provide facilities-based wholesale local telecommunications services in the State of Idaho.

On January 28, 2016, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Modified Procedure establishing a 21-day comment period. *See* Order No. 33457. Commission Staff (“Staff”) was the only party to submit written comments within the established comment period.

THE APPLICATION

Wide Voice is a Nevada corporation and lists the location of its principal place of business as Las Vegas, Nevada. Wide Voice is registered with the Idaho Secretary of State as a foreign corporation and lists CT Corporation System, 921 S. Orchard Street, Suite G, Boise, Idaho 83705, as its Idaho registered agent for service.

As stated above, Wide Voice seeks Commission authorization “to provide facilities-based wholesale local telecommunications services within the State of Idaho.” *Application* at 1. Wide Voice states that it is “in the process of negotiating interconnection agreements with Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and will have these agreements filed with the Commission prior to offering any local services.” *Id.* at 2. The Company “agrees to comply with rules applicable to competitive wholesale providers of local telecommunications service.” *Id.* Wide Voice understands that “if it obtains numbering resources in Idaho, it will be subject to numbering conservation measures. . . .” *Id.* at 3.

COMMENTS

Staff reviewed Wide Voice’s Application for compliance with the applicable legal requirements to be registered as a wholesale provider of telecommunications services in Idaho. Staff believes that the Company understands and agrees to comply with Commission Rule 114 (IDAPA 31.01.01.114) and Commission Order No. 32277. Staff also believes that the Company

possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and technical qualifications necessary to operate as a provider of telecommunications services.

Staff recommended the Commission approve Wide Voice as a registered wholesale communications provider subject to the following conditions:

1. Wide Voice should comply with all number pooling and reporting requirements of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, as set forth in Commission Order No. 30425;
2. Wide Voice should provide all necessary reports and contribute as appropriate to the Idaho Universal Service Fund, Idaho Telecommunications Relay System, and the Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program; and
3. Wide Voice agrees to comply with all future reporting requirements deemed appropriate by the Commission for competitive telecommunications providers.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

In GNR-T-11-01, the Commission “opened a docket to investigate whether some sort of certification process is appropriate for Title 62 telecommunications providers that do not provide basic local exchange service.” Order No. 32277 at 2. The Commission received written comments from several telecommunications companies operating in Idaho. The parties recommended that the Commission institute a certification or registration process to allow wholesale telecommunications providers that provide service that does not meet the definition of basic local exchange service “to be recognized as eligible to provide services in Idaho.” *Id.* at 3.

The Commission ultimately ruled that “registration or certification of telecommunications companies that do not provide basic local exchange service, as defined by state law, is necessary to enable those companies to access important rights or privileges identified in the federal Telecommunications Act as they enter the telecommunications markets in Idaho.” *Id.* at 8. “Telecommunications companies that do not intend to provide basic local exchange service but request Commission registration may file an application pursuant to Rule 114, with minor modification to eliminate information required by the Rule relating to retail basic local exchange service.” *Id.* “A company that completes the application process as required in Rule 114, Section 1 and Sections 5 through 8, will be recognized by the Commission

as having successfully registered as a wholesale provider of telecommunications services in Idaho.” *Id.*

¹ The Commission has reviewed and considered the record in this case, including Wide Voice’s Application and attached exhibits, and Staff comments. The Commission finds that Wide Voice is a wholesale telecommunications provider and has demonstrated a willingness and commitment “to adhere to number pooling and reporting requirements to assist the Commission in preserving numbers.” See *Id.* at 8. The Commission further finds that Wide Voice’s Application comports with Commission Rule of Procedure 114 and Order No. 32277. The Commission thus approves Wide Voice’s Application for registration or certification as a wholesale telecommunications provider in Idaho, subject to the conditions specified above.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission approves the Application of Wide Voice, LLC for registration/certification as a wholesale telecommunications provider in Idaho.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Wide Voice’s certification shall be subject to the following conditions: (1) comply with all number pooling and reporting requirements of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, as set forth in Commission Order No. 30425; (2) provide all necessary reports and contribute as appropriate to the Idaho Universal Service Fund, Idaho Telecommunications Relay System, and the Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program; and (3) comply with all future reporting requirements deemed appropriate by the Commission for competitive telecommunications providers.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in the Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 8th
day of March 2016.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT




KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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