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## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF WIDE VOICE, LLC'S	)	
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION TO	)	CASE NO. WVL-T-15-02
PROVIDE FACILITIES-BASED WHOLESALE	)	
LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	)	
IN IDAHO.	)	COMMENTS OF THE
	)	<b>COMMISSION STAFF</b>
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**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its attorney of record, Neil Price, Deputy Attorney General, and in response to the Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure issued on January 28, 2016, Order No. 33457, submits the following comments.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On December 15, 2015, Wide Voice, LLC ("Wide Voice" or "Company") filed an Application with the Commission for registration/certification as a facilities-based wholesale provider of local telecommunications services in the State of Idaho pursuant to Procedural Order No. 32277, IDAPA 31.01.01.0114, and Title 62 of the *Idaho Code*. Application 1.

## **STAFF ANALYSIS**

Wide Voice is a Nevada limited liability company and lists its principal place of business as Las Vegas, Nevada. *Id.* 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. *Id.* 

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 has reviewed the Commission Rules and agrees to comply with rules applicable to competitive wholesale providers of local telecommunications service. *Id.* Wide Voice agrees that if it obtains numbering resources in Idaho, it will be subject to numbering conservation measures. *Id.* at 3.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed Wide Voice's Application for registration as a wholesale provider of telecommunications services in Idaho for compliance with applicable legal requirements and believes the Company is in compliance with Commission Rule of Procedure 114 and Commission Order No. 32277. Staff believes that Wide Voice possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and technical qualifications necessary to operate as provider of telecommunications services. Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission approve Wide Voice as a registered wholesale communications provider subject to the following conditions:

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

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Deputy Attorney General

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016, SERVED THE FOREGOING **COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION STAFF,** IN CASE NO. WVL-T-15-02, BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE FOLLOWING:

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