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November 20, 2008

Jean Jewell, Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Statehouse
472 West Washington Street
Boise, ID 83702

NTM-T-08-02

RE: Neutral Tandem-Idaho, LLC

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed herewith for filing with the Commission, please find an original and three (3) copies of the above captioned Corporation's Application for Authority to Provide Resold and Facilities-based Local Exchange and Interexchange Services within the State of Idaho.

In addition, enclosed is a duplicate copy of this letter. Please date-stamp the duplicate and return it to me in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

CROCKER & CROCKER, P.C.

Patrick D. Crocker

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION RECEIVED

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In the Matter of the Application of)
Neutral Tandem-Idaho, LLC)
For a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity to Provide Facilities-based and Resold)
Local Exchange and Interexchange Services)
in the State of Idaho)

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
PUC Docket No:

NTM-T-08-02

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
RESOLD AND FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL EXCHANGE
AND INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

Neutral Tandem-Idaho, LLC ("Applicant") hereby applies to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and interexchange services within the State of Idaho pursuant to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-526-528 and IDAPA 31.01.01.111. In support thereof, Applicant provides the following information:

I. Proposed Services

Applicant seeks authority to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and interexchange telecommunications service to and from all points in the State of Idaho. Applicant initial offering of local and interexchange telecommunications services will be marketed to business customers where facilities permit. Applicant will provide its customers with expert technical assistance and advice on all telecommunications needs.

II Form of Business

- 1. Name, Address and Form of Business
 - a. **Applicant is not a sole proprietorship.**
 - b. **Applicant is not a partnership.**

c. Applicant is a limited liability company;

1. a short statement of the character of public service in which it may engage,

Applicant seeks authority to provide all forms of local exchange and interexchange services throughout the State of Idaho. Initially, Applicant intends to market local services in the Qwest Corporation service areas and the company does not plan to provide service in areas of any small or rural local exchange carriers. However, Applicant seeks statewide authority so that it may expand at a later date to serve the areas of other local exchange carriers as market conditions warrant and as additional service areas become open to competition. Applicant's initial local service offering will be marketed to business service customers where facilities permit. As future market conditions warrant, Applicant may expand its services to include a broader array of local service offerings.

2. the name of the state in which it is organized,

Applicant is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

3. its principal business address and

**Neutral Tandem-Idaho, LLC
One South Wacker Drive, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60606**

its principal business address within Idaho,

Applicant will not have a principal business address in Idaho.

4. a certified copy of its articles of incorporation,

A copy of Applicant's Articles of Organization is attached as Exhibit A.

5. if not incorporated in Idaho, a certificate of good standing issued by the Secretary of State, and

Attached hereto as Exhibit B.

6. name and address of registered agent for service in Idaho.

**Corporation Service Company
1401 Shoreline Drive, Suite 2
Boise, ID 83702**

2. If a corporation, the names and addresses of the ten common stockholders of applicant owning the greatest number of shares of common stock and the number of such shares owned by each, as follows:

Applicant is a limited liability company, solely owned by Neutral Tandem, Inc.

3. Names and addresses of the officers and directors of applicant.

The sole manager and member of the Applicant:

**Neutral Tandem Inc. (100% Owner)
One South Wacker Drive, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60606**

**Neutral Tandem-Idaho, LLC does not have any separately designated officers.
The officers of Neutral Tandem, Inc. are:**

Rian J. Wren	President and Chief Executive Officer
Richard L. Monto	General Counsel and Secretary
Rob Junkroski	Chief Financial Officer
Surendra Saboo	Chief Operations Officer and Executive V.P.

All officers may be reached at Applicant's principle place of business.

4. Name and addresses of any corporation, association, or similar organization holding a 5% or greater ownership or a management interest in the applicant. As to the ownership, the amount and character of the interest must be indicated. A copy of any management agreement must be attached.

Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Neutral Tandem, Inc.

5. Names and addresses of subsidiaries owned or controlled by applicant.

Applicant does not own or control any subsidiaries.

6. Correspondence pertaining to this Application should be directed to Applicant's counsel:

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Crocker & Crocker, P.C.
The Kalamazoo Building
107 W. Michigan Ave, 4th Floor
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
Phone: (269) 381-8893
Fax: (269) 381-4855
E-mail: patrick@crockerlawfirm.com**

III Telecommunications Service

1. The date on which applicant proposes to begin construction or anticipates it will begin to provide service.

Applicant anticipates it will begin to provide service shortly after obtaining authorization. It anticipates that it will enter into the appropriate interconnection and service arrangements with Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") or other certificated facilities-based carriers to offer services.

2. A written description of customer classes and customer service[s] that the applicant proposes to offer to the public.

Applicant plans to offer local telecommunications services to business customers. Applicant will provide its customers with expert technical assistance and advice on all telecommunications needs.

IV Service Territory

1. A description sufficient for determining whether service is to be offered in a particular location; and the names of all incumbent local exchange corporations with whom the proposed utility is likely to compete.

Applicant intends to provide service throughout the State of Idaho. Initially Applicant intends to provide service in the Qwest service areas and does not plan to provide service in areas of any small or rural local exchange carriers. However, Applicant seeks statewide authority so that it may expand into other service areas as market conditions warrant and as additional service areas become open to competition.

2. Written description of the intended manner of service, for example, resold services or facilities based. A general description of the property owned or controlled by applicant.

Applicant will provide resold and facilities-based local exchange and interexchange services. Applicant does not currently own property and has not yet completed plans for construction of voice or data transport facilities in Idaho. Applicant intends to deploy its own switching platform facilities in collocated sites throughout Idaho and lease fiber optic facilities. Where Applicant otherwise lacks facilities and where customer demand warrants, Applicant may resell the services of the underlying carrier.

3. A statement describing with whom the applicant is likely to compete.

Applicant will compete with Qwest for the provision of service.

4. A description of the property owned by the applicant clarifies the applicant's proposed services and operation.

Applicant does not currently own facilities or property in Idaho. Applicant intends to deploy its own switching platform facilities in collocated sites throughout Idaho and lease fiber optic facilities.

V. Financial Information

1. Latest annual report, if any.

As a newly-created entity, initially Applicant will rely on the financial support of its parent company, Neutral Tandem, Inc., which has the necessary funds to provide local service. The success of Applicant's parent company, Neutral Tandem, Inc. in developing innovative products and services and expanding its geographic reach has translated into impressive growth in recent years and as such Applicant will be relying on its parent company for full financing. Neutral Tandem, Inc. is well-qualified financially to operate and expand its business through its subsidiary. The ability to honor this commitment is illustrated by the financial statements taken from Neutral Tandem, Inc.'s Form 10-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

VI "Illustrative" Tariff Filings

Proposed initial tariff and price sheets setting forth rates, rules, terms, and regulations applicable to the contemplated service. .

Attached hereto as Exhibit D, Applicant submits an illustrative tariff containing rates, rules, terms and regulations.

VII Customer contacts

1. Contact information for the applicant.
 - a. The name, address, and telephone number and electronic mailing addresses (if available) of the person(s) responsible for consumer inquiries and complaints from the public.

**Jan Hewitt
Neutral Tandem-Idaho, LLC
One South Wacker Drive, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60606
(888) 682-6336
billing@neutraltandem.com**

- b. A toll-free number for customer inquiries and complaints.

1-888-682-6336

- c. The name, number and electronic mailing addresses (if available) of the person(s) designated as a contact for the Commission Staff for resolving complaints, inquiries and matters concerning rates and price lists or tariffs.

**Richard L. Monto
Neutral Tandem-Idaho, LLC
One South Wacker Drive, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 384-8090
rmonto@neutraltandem.com**

VIII Interconnection Agreements

1. Statements of whether the applicant has initiated interconnection negotiations. If yes, then when and with whom.

Applicant has not yet initiated interconnection negotiations but intends to do so upon being granted authority by the Commission.

IX Compliance with Commission Rules

1. A written statement that the applicant has reviewed all of the Commission rules and agrees to comply with them, or request for waiver of those rules believed to be inapplicable.

Applicant has reviewed all of the Commission rules and agrees to comply with them.

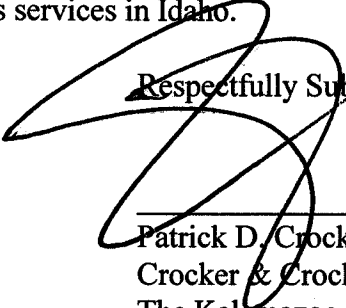
X Escrow Account for Advance Deposits

1. If a company requires advance deposits by its customers, the company must submit a signed copy of an escrow account with a bonded escrow agent or a security bond. The escrow or bond shall be sufficient to meet customer deposit refunds in case of company default.

Applicant will not require deposits or prepayments.

WHEREFORE, Neutral Tandem-Idaho, LLC requests that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission approve the request authority to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in Idaho.

Respectfully Submitted,



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269-381-8893
269-381-4855 (fax)

VERIFICATION

Richard L. Monto, General Counsel and Secretary of Neutral Tandem, Inc., the manger of Neutral Tandem-Idaho, LLC, first being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and verifies that the statements made therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Neutral Tandem-Idaho, LLC

BY: Richard L. Monto
Richard L. Monto
General Counsel and Secretary of
Neutral Tandem, Inc.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4 day of Sept, 2008

by Richard L. Monto.

Holly Brown
Notary Public
County of COOK
State of ILLINOIS
My Commission Expires 12/10/08

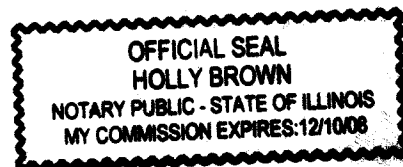


EXHIBIT A

Articles of Organization

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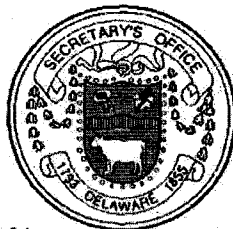
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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF "NEUTRAL TANDEM-IDAHO, LLC", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2007, AT 5:32 O'CLOCK P.M.

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Harriet Smith Windsor

Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION: 6268708

DATE: 12-27-07

EXHIBIT B

Certificate of Authority to Transact Business

