

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
COMCAST PHONE OF IDAHO, LLC FOR) CASE NO. CPI-T-18-02
REGISTRATION AS A WHOLESALE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER IN) ORDER NO. 34004
IDAHO)
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On January 19, 2018, Comcast Phone of Idaho, LLC (“Comcast Phone”) filed an Application with the Commission, pursuant to Procedural Order No. 32277 and IDAPA 31.01.01.114, for registration as a wholesale provider of telecommunications service in Idaho. The Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure with a 21-day comment period. Order No. 33980. Commission Staff was the only party to file written comments. The Commission now approves the Application.

THE APPLICATION

Comcast Phone is a limited liability company organized in the State of Delaware and lists its principal place of business as Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Application at 1. In May 2016, Idaho’s Secretary of State certified that Comcast Phone is authorized to transact business in Idaho as of May 24, 2016. *Id.*; Exhibit A. Comcast Phone lists CT Corporation Services, 921 S. Orchard St., Suite G, Boise, Idaho 83705, as its registered agent in Idaho. *Id.* at 2.

Comcast Phone is seeking authority to provide wholesale local telecommunications services within the State of Idaho. *Id.* at 1. Comcast Phone states that it has already negotiated an interconnection agreement with Qwest Corp. d/b/a CenturyLink, which was filed with this Commission on August 10, 2017, and approved on August 24, 2017. *See* Order No. 33855; Case No. QWE-T-17-02. Also, Comcast Phone agrees that it will comply with all applicable Idaho laws and Commission Rules applicable to competitive wholesale providers of local telecommunication services and, if it obtains numbering resources in Idaho, will be subject to all applicable numbering conservation measures. *Id.* at 3.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff reviewed Comcast Phone’s Application and believes that the Company understands Commission Rule of Procedure 114 and Order No. 32277. Staff Comments at 2. Staff also believes that Comcast Phone possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and

technical qualifications to operate as a provider of telecommunications services. *Id.* Staff recommended that the Commission approve Comcast Phone as a registered wholesale communications provider subject to the following conditions:

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

COMMISSION FINDINGS AND DECISION

In 2011, the Commission investigated whether to adopt a “certification process ... for Title 62 telecommunications providers that do not provide basic local exchange service.” Order No. 32277 at 2. After considering comments and recommendations from several telecommunications companies operating in Idaho, the Commission determined it necessary to establish a “registration or certification process for telecommunications companies that do not provide basic local exchange service, as defined by state law.” *Id.* at 8. The Commission concluded such process would “enable those companies to access important rights or privileges identified in the federal Telecommunications Act as they enter the telecommunications markets in Idaho.” *Id.* Accordingly, the Commission held that telecommunications companies “that do not intend to provide basic local exchange service but request Commission registration may file an application under 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[s] 1 and ... 5 through 8, will be recognized by the Commission as having successfully registered as a wholesale provider of telecommunications services in Idaho.” *Id.*

The Commission has reviewed and considered the record, including Comcast Phone’s Application and attached exhibits, and Staff’s comments. The Commission finds that Comcast Phone 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 Comcast Phone’s Application comports with Commission Rule of Procedure 114 and Order No. 32277. The Commission thus approves Comcast Phone’s Application to register 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 Comcast Phone of Idaho, LLC to register as a wholesale telecommunications provider in Idaho.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Comcast Phone’s certification shall be subject to the conditions outlined above.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of 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 13th day of March 2018.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

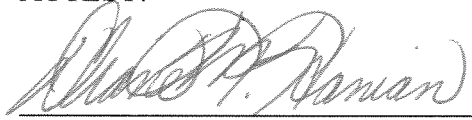


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