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NEWS RELEASE: Commission approves telecommunications company's application asking that equipment be recognized as broadband equipment.

BOISE (Aug. 20, 2024) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Direct Communications Rockland, Inc. that designates equipment it installed in 2023 is qualified broadband equipment.

Idaho code allows a taxpayer to receive an income tax credit for having installed qualified broadband equipment during a calendar year. Before the taxpayer is eligible for the tax credit, it must apply to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for an order confirming the equipment is qualified broadband equipment as defined in the statute.

The statute states that the equipment is capable of transmitting signals at a rate of at least 200,000 bits per second to a subscriber and at least 125,000 bits per second from a subscriber, and is primarily used to provide services in Idaho to public subscribers. In the case of a telecommunications carrier, qualifying equipment shall be necessary to the provision of broadband service and shall also be an integral part of a broadband network.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7317.