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NEWS RELEASE: Commission is accepting written comments on telecom utility's application to be designated as eligible telecommunications carrier.

BOISE (March 20, 2025) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until April 10, 2025, on an application from a telecommunications utility to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

If the commission grants the designation, Ziply Fiber will be allowed to provide Lifeline services. These are discounts on phone and Internet service for qualifying low-income consumers and are intended to ensure they can connect to jobs, family and emergency services. The eligible telecommunications carrier status would also allow the utility to receive financial subsidies from the federal Universal Service Fund program to provide Lifeline services. It also would be able to receive financial reimbursements from the Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program, which provides discounted telephone services to low-income Idahoans.

Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit puc.idaho.gov and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number ZFP-T-24-02 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number ZFP-T-24-02. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and the utility at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number ZFP-T-24-02, as well as their name and address.

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Additional information regarding the application is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7427.