

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF ALBION TELEPHONE ) CASE NO. ALB-T-25-01**  
**COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR THE 2024 )**  
**BROADBAND EQUIPMENT TAX CREDIT ) ORDER NO. 36531**  
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On January 22, 2025, Albion Telephone Company (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) seeking an order approving equipment, installed and put into operation during the calendar year 2024, as eligible for the broadband tax credit.

The Company represented that the broadband services it offers to its customers are associated with Digital Subscriber Line, wireless, and fiber-to-the-home technologies, which are carried out using Fujitsu, Adva, Juniper, and Brocade in the Company’s backbone network and several brands of digital loop carriers, including Adtran and Calix. The Company asserted that, in 2024, as part of upgrading its network infrastructure, it added 1.2 miles of copper and duct and 97.14 miles of fiber cable and duct.

The Company confirmed that it offers broadband services to its customers at transmission rates that range from 25 megabits per second to 10 gigabits per second for both upstream and downstream transmissions. The Company stated that, during 2024, it added 57 new internet customers, bringing its total number of customer base to 3,917, and the Company indicated that 99% of its Idaho subscribers have access to its broadband network.

The Company represented that in 2024 it invested \$2,006,608.58 in qualifying broadband equipment that it confirmed is integral to its broadband network.

**THE BROADBAND EQUIPMENT TAX CREDIT**

In 2001, the Idaho Legislature enacted House Bill 377 authorizing an income tax credit for the installation of qualifying broadband infrastructure in Idaho. *Idaho Code* § 63-3029B. Section 63-3029I allows a taxpayer to receive an income tax credit for eligible broadband equipment installed during a calendar year. Qualified broadband equipment is defined as those network facilities “capable of transmitting signals at a rate of at least two hundred thousand (200,000) bits per second (bps) to a subscriber and at least one hundred twenty-five thousand (125,000) bps from

a subscriber.” *Idaho Code* § 63-3029I(3)(b). If the equipment is installed by a telecommunications carrier, it must also be “necessary to the provision of broadband services and an integral part of a broadband network.” *Idaho Code* § 63-3029I(3)(b)(i).

To be eligible for the income tax credit, the taxpayer must obtain an order from the Commission confirming that the installed equipment meets the statutory definition of qualified broadband equipment. Commission Order No. 35297; *Idaho Code* § 63-3029I(4). Once the Commission has determined the installed equipment is eligible for the income tax credit, the Commission will issue an order granting the application, and the Commission will forward the order and application to the Idaho Tax Commission.

### **STAFF REVIEW**

Staff reviewed the Company’s Application under *Idaho Code* § 63-3029I and Order No. 35297. Based on its review, Staff believed the listed equipment met the statutory criteria and was qualified broadband equipment that was eligible for the tax credit. Staff recommended the Commission: (1) issue an order confirming that the Company’s equipment is qualified broadband equipment, and (2) forward copies of the Application and the order to the Idaho State Tax Commission.

### **COMMISSION FINDINGS**

Having reviewed the Company’s Application and Staff’s recommendation, the Commission finds that the Company’s equipment identified in Case No. ALB-T-25-01 is qualified broadband equipment eligible for the income tax credit under *Idaho Code* § 63-3029I. The Commission makes no findings regarding the costs of the installed broadband equipment or other expenses.

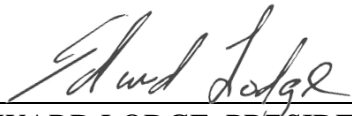
### **ORDER**

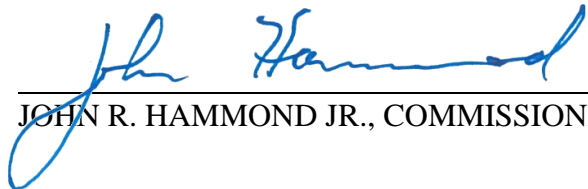
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company’s Application is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order and a copy of the Application be served on the Idaho State Tax Commission.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date upon this Order regarding any matter decided in 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 and 62-619.

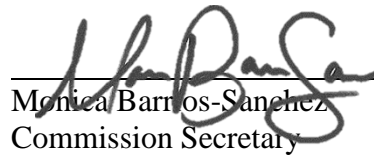
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

  
EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

  
JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

  
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ATTEST:

  
Monica Barros-Sanchez  
Commission Secretary

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