

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BG ENTERPRISES, INC. DBA GRIZZLY TELEPHONE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.)))))))	CASE NO. BGE-T-04-1 ORDER NO. 29522
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On March 12, 2004, BG Enterprises, Inc. dba Grizzly Telephone ("Grizzly" or "Company") filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to provide resold competitive local exchange service throughout the State of Idaho. Grizzly is a solely owned corporation headquartered in Missoula, Montana. The Company is incorporated in the same state. The Company obtained a Certificate of Authority to transact business as a foreign corporation from Idaho's Secretary of State on January 24, 2000.

Although the Company does not maintain an office in Idaho, it does have a registered in-state agent. The Company stated that it has been serving Idaho customers since 2000. Grizzly submitted its financials for the period ending February 4, 2004. Staff reviewed these documents and believes the Company is solvent.

Grizzly proposes to provide prepaid residential local exchange service with optional services such as Caller ID and Call Waiting. The Company does not propose to offer toll services or collect separate deposits. The Company has obtained an interconnection agreement with Qwest in Idaho.

Grizzly has been granted authority to provide local exchange service in states such as Washington and Oregon. The Company stated that granting its Application for a Certificate is in the public interest because Grizzly's entry into the local telecommunications services market will enhance competition in Idaho. Grizzly also stated that it has reviewed the rules of this Commission and affirms its commitment to abide by them.

On April 21, 2004, the Commission issued Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure. Order No. 29476. In response to this Order, the Commission Staff submitted comments on May 7, 2004.

STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed the information provided by Grizzly and believes it satisfies the requirements of Commission Rule of Procedure 111, IDAPA 31.01.01.111 and Procedural Order No. 26665 issued November 7, 1996. Therefore, Staff recommended approval of the Application for a CPCN.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on the comments, the law, and the record, the Commission grants the Application. Accordingly, a Certificate shall be issued to BG Enterprises, Inc. dba Grizzly Telephone.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of BG Enterprises, Inc. dba Grizzly Telephone for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order (or in issues finally decided by this Order) or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. BGE-T-04-1 may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order or interlocutory Orders previously issued in this case. 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.

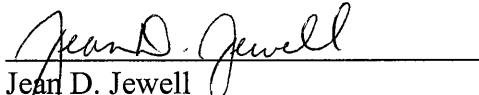
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 9th
day of June 2004.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


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