

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF COLUMBINE</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. COL-T-21-01</b>
<b>TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.’S</b>	)	
<b>APPLICATION TO CHANGE THE MANNER</b>	)	
<b>IN WHICH FACILITIES EXTENSIONS ARE</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF SECOND</b>
<b>HANDLED</b>	)	<b>CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF</b>
	)	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
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	)	<b>ORDER NO. 35195</b>
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On May 14, 2021, Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. dba Silver Star Communications (“Company”) filed changes to its tariff with the Commission. The Company proposes to change how the cost of a line extension will be shared between the applicant and the Company. The Company proposed a June 15, 2021, effective date for the modified tariff.

At the June 8, 2021, Decision Meeting, Commission Staff noted the proposed changes constitute an increase in rates and therefore should not be handled through a tariff advice. Staff recommended the Commission initiate a formal proceeding to determine whether the proposed tariffs comply with the Commission’s regulatory requirements.

On June 14, 2021, the Commission issued an Order converting the Company’s proposed tariff modifications into an Application to be processed by Modified Procedure. The Notice of Application included a 60-day suspension of the Company’s proposed effective date, and established comment deadlines.

Staff filed comments on July 8, 2021. The Company filed reply comments on July 15, 2021. The matter became fully submitted.

During deliberations the Commission found the existing record was insufficient to make a determination regarding the Application. The Commission issued a Notice of Inquiry and continued the suspension of the Company’s proposed effective date until October 15, 2021, to allow time for the Company to respond to the matters/questions posed by Commission. *See* Order No. 35133.


The Company filed answers to the Commission’s Notice of Inquiry on October 12, 2021. In order for the Commission to have adequate time to consider the Company’s answers

before the suspension of the Company's proposed effective date expires, the Commission finds it necessary to suspend the effective date for an additional 60 days. *See Idaho Code § 61-622.*

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's proposed effective date is suspended for an additional 60 days, unless the Commission issues an earlier order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the Company's Application.

DONE by order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

  
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ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

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Jan Noriyuki  
Commission Secretary

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