## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF VIASAT CARRIER	)	CASE NO. CTC-T-25-01
SERVICES, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR A	)	
DETERMINATION OF WHETHER ZIPLY	)	
FIBER OF IDAHO, LLC AND ZIPLY FIBER	)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NORTHWEST LLC QUALIFY TO	)	
DISCONTINUE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE	)	NOTICE OF
UNDER IDAHO CODE § 62-612	)	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 36873</b>
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On October 29, 2025, Ziply Fiber of Idaho, LLC, and Ziply Fiber Northwest LLC, both d/b/a Ziply Fiber (collectively "Ziply") filed a "Notice of Discontinuance of Service" ("Notice"). Specifically, Ziply notified the Commission of its intent to discontinue basic local exchange and message telecommunication services within certain townships near Elk City, Idaho. According to Ziply, only three customers remain within this exchange area all of whom currently receive equivalent voice and broadband service from Viasat Carrier Services, Inc. ("Viasat").

On November 28, 2025, Viasat applied for a determination of whether Ziply should be allowed to discontinue basic local exchange and message telecommunication services as described in the Notice. According to Viasat, it is not designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in significant portions of the townships in which Ziply seeks to discontinue service.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and sets deadlines by which interested persons may intervene.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Ziply represents that it is a telephone company that provides basic local phone and message services in Idaho, including the Elk City exchange area.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Ziply represents that an internal review showed only three customers still live in this exchange area, and all of them already get comparable voice and broadband service from another provider.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Ziply notified the Commission on October 29, 2025, that it intended to discontinue providing regulated telecommunications services in the following areas near Elk City, Idaho:

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Township	Range	Sections Discontinued
T27N	R7E	All
T27N	R6E	All
T27N	R5E	All
T28N	R7E	All
T28N	R6E	All
T28N	R5E	All
T29N	R7E	All
T29N	R6E	All
T29N	R5E	All
T29N	R4E	All
T29N	R3E	1, 12-13, 24-25, 36
T30N	R7E	All
T30N	R6E	19-36
T30N	R5E	19-36
T30N	R4E	21-28, 31-36
T30N	R3E	36

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the only alternative service provider for the exchange area that Ziply expressly identified in the Notice is Viasat.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Ziply filed an affidavit of publication indicating that it had published the notice it filed with the Commission on November 26, 2025, in the Idaho County Free Press.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Viasat applied under *Idaho Code* § 62-612 for a determination of whether Ziply should be allowed to discontinue telecommunication services as described in the notice.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Viasat represents that it is not designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and cannot offer certain services throughout significant portions of the townships in which Ziply seeks to discontinue service.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documentation have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's website at <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. Click on the "TELECOM" icon, select "Open Cases," and click one of the case numbers as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over the Company, its filing, and the issues pertaining to this case pursuant to Title 62 of the Idaho Code

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE and that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq*.

## NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter to obtain parties' rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072-073. Persons who wish to intervene as a party must file a Petition to Intervene no later than 21 days after the date of service of this Order. Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation do not have to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the Notice of Parties is issued, Commission Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss a schedule to process this case and other issues as may be raised by the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as Viasat's representatives in this matter:

Shelby Striegel 349 Inverness Drive South Englewood, Colorado 80112 shelby.striegel@viasat.com

## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of obtaining parties' rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission, under Rules 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-073, no later than 21 days after the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Secretary issues a Notice of Parties, Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss the appropriate scheduling of this case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE ORDER NO. 36873 deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

DAYN HARDIE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Laura Calderon Robles
Interim Commission Secretary

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