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CASE NO. CUS-T-23-01
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March 27, 2023

Via Email

Jan Noriyuki, Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P O Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Application for Approval of Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement by and between Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Teleport Communications America, LLC

Dear Ms. Noriyuki:

Enclosed for filing is a copy of Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc. and Teleport Communications America, LLC's joint Application in the above referenced case.

I have not sent a hard copy so please let me know if you will require that prior to opening the case. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at (208) 577-5747 or by e-mail at cam@camlawidaho.com.

Sincerely,



Cynthia A. Melillo

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of

CUSTER TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE,
INC.

And

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA,
LLC

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Tele-
Communications Act of 1996 for Approval
of their Interconnection and Reciprocal
Compensation Agreement

CUS-T-23-01
Case No.: TCS-T-23-01

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
INTERCONNECTION AND RECIPROCAL
COMPENSATION AGREEMENT**

1. Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Custer") by and through its attorneys, Cynthia A. Melillo PLLC, and Teleport Communications America, LLC. ("TCA") hereby file for approval of the attached Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement ("Agreement"), pursuant to the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") and the administrative rules of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), specifically Idaho Admin. Code 31.01.01.126. In support of their application, Custer and TCA state as follows:

2. Custer Telephone is a provider of basic local exchange service, broadband telecommunications service and other telecommunications services in Idaho.

3. TCA is a registered provider of local exchange service and other telecommunications services in Idaho.

4. The Agreement was reached through voluntary negotiations between Custer and TCA and is submitted for Commission review and approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Act.

5. Section 252(e)(2) of the Act directs that a state Commission may reject an agreement reached through voluntary negotiations if the Commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

6. Custer and TCA respectfully submit that the Agreement does not discriminate and is consistent with the public interest, and, therefore requests that the Commission approve this Agreement expeditiously.

7. The designated representative of each Party, for purposes of responding to inquiries in this matter is:

For Custer:

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With copy to:

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Attn: Interconnection Agreement Counsel
Fax: 214-746-2214

8. This Agreement does not affect the rights of non-parties and expeditious approval would further the public interest. Therefore, Custer requests that the Commission approve this Agreement as filed without a hearing.

DATED this 27th day of March 2023.



Cynthia A. Melillo
Attorneys for Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 27th day of March 2023, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by delivering it to the following individuals by the method indicated below, addressed as stated.

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