

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. CWL-T-21-01
OF COMMNET WIRELESS, LLC FOR)
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN)
IDAHO FOR PURPOSES OF RECEIVING) NOTICE OF
RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
SUPPORT)
) ORDER NO. 34994
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On March 9, 2021, Commnet Wireless, LLC (“Company”) applied for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in Idaho.

The Commission now sets deadlines for interested persons to comment on the Application, and for the Company to reply.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represents that it operates facilities-based networks in 11 states providing mobile voice and broadband services, as well as fixed broadband services on a wholesale and retail basis. *Application* at 2. The Company states it provides these services in rural areas, mostly with less than 2,500 people. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that as a winning bidder in the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (“RDOF”) auction (Auction 904), the Company’s receipt of RDOF funding is conditioned upon obtaining designation as an ETC and submitting evidence of that designation to the FCC no later than June 7, 2021.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company asserts it meets all federal and state requirements for designation as an ETC in Idaho and that designating the Company as an ETC is in the public interest. *Id.* at 3-4. The Company asks that the Commission grant it ETC status before June 7, 2021.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission’s office. These documents are also available on the Commission’s web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the “TELECOM” icon, select “Open Cases,” and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Title 62 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* § 62-615.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED 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 MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons interested in filing written comments must do so within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order.** Comments must be filed through the Commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission’s home page at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the “Case Comment Form” and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. To file by e-mail, the customer must e-mail the comments to the e-mail addresses listed below. In addition to submitting the comments to the Commission Secretary, the customer must also e-mail the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **no later than twenty-eight (28) days from the service date of this Notice.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.


ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so no later than twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The Company must file any reply comments no later than twenty-eight days from the service date of this Notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 34781, issued September 17, 2020. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should also be accomplished electronically. Voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

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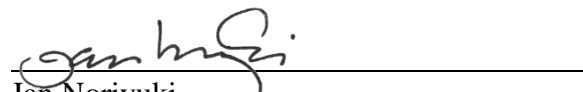
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 15th day of April 2021.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER


ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

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Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary

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