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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF EASTON TELECOM)
SERVICES, L.L.C.'S APPLICATION FOR A) **CASE NO. ETS-T-20-01**
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL)
EXCHANGE SERVICE IN IDAHO) **COMMENTS OF THE**
) **COMMISSION STAFF**
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STAFF OF the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of record, Matt Hunter, Deputy Attorney General, submits the following comments.

BACKGROUND

On September 8, 2020, Easton Telecom Services, L.L.C. (“ETS” or “Company”) applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) to provide resold basic local exchange telecommunication services in Idaho pursuant to procedural Rule 114 (IDAPA 31.01.01.114) and Order No. 26665.

STAFF ANALYSIS

ETS is an Ohio limited liability company authorized to do business in Idaho. Its main corporate address is 3046 Brecksville Road, Summit II- Unit A, Richfield, Ohio, 44286. It is registered with the Idaho Secretary of State as a Foreign Limited Liability Company. Application, Attachment II. ETS plans to offer service in CenturyLink’s service territory.

ETS provided the names and addresses of its officers and owners, as well as relevant corporate financial information. ETS asserts it has reviewed the Commission's applicable rules and agrees to provide service in accordance with those rules.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed ETS's Application and believes ETS understands the Commission's rules and requirements related to the provision of telecommunication services in Idaho. Staff believes ETS's Application fulfills the requirements of the procedural Rule 114 and Order No. 26665. Staff also believes ETS possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and technical qualifications necessary to operate as a provider of telecommunications services.

Therefore, Staff recommends approval of ETS's Application for a CPCN, subject to the following conditions:

1. ETS complies with number pooling and reporting requirements of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, as set forth in Commission Order No. 30425;

2. ETS provides necessary reports and contributions as appropriate to the Idaho Universal Service Fund, Idaho Telecommunications Relay Services, Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program, and complies with all future reporting requirements deemed appropriate by the Commission for competitive telecommunications providers;

3. Prior to issuance of the CPCN, ETS files a final price list outlining all its rates, terms, and conditions with the Commission; and

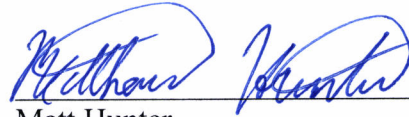
4. ETS provides three reports to the Commission indicating the number of basic local exchange customers it has and the services being offered. Those reports will be due as follows:

- a. March 12, 2021
- b. July 16, 2021
- c. November 12, 2021

If the Company fails to provide the three reports, ETS shall relinquish its CPCN and all telephone numbers it has been assigned or the Commission by its own order will revoke the Company's CPCN.

5. If ETS is not providing basic local exchange service by the time the third report is due, the Commission by its own order will revoke the Company's CPCN.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of October 2020.



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Deputy Attorney General

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020, SERVED THE FOREGOING **COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION STAFF**, IN CASE NO. ETS-T-20-01, BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE FOLLOWING:

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