

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF SIMWOOD, INC.’S) CASE NO. SIM-T-19-01
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)
TO PROVIDE LOCAL AND LONG-)
DISTANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) ORDER NO. 34548
SERVICE IN IDAHO)
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On November 25, 2019, Simwood, Inc. (“Simwood” or “Company”) applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) to provide local and long-distance telecommunications services in Idaho. On December 26, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting comment and reply deadlines. Commission Staff filed comments. The Company did not file reply comments.

Having reviewed the record, the Commission issues this Order approving the Company’s Application as follows.

THE APPLICATION

The Company is a Wyoming corporation authorized to do business in Idaho as a foreign corporation. It is seeking a CPCN to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and long-distance telecommunications services to business customers. Simwood plans to obtain interconnection agreements with incumbent local exchange companies or seek “commercial agreements with other carriers on an as-needed basis.” Application at 6. Simwood seeks authorization to offer service throughout Idaho and would compete with any or all of Idaho’s incumbent local exchange carriers.

THE COMMENTS

Staff filed the only comments, and recommended the Commission approve the Application. After reviewing Simwood’s Application, Staff believes the Company possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and technical qualifications to provide telecommunications services, and believes the Company understands the Commission’s rules and requirements related to the provision of telecommunication services in Idaho. Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the Application, subject to five conditions. The Company must 1) comply with the North American Number Plan Administrator requirements; 2) comply with all reporting and contribution

requirements prescribed by the Idaho Universal Service Fund, Idaho Telecommunications Relay System, and Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program; 3) comply with all future reporting requirements deemed appropriate by the Commission for competitive telecommunications providers; 4) file with the Commission a final price list outlining its rates, terms, and conditions prior to issuance of its CPCN; and 5) provide the Commission with three reports during 2020 indicating the number of basic local exchange customers it has and the services being offered.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS


Based on our review of the record, we find that the Company's Application complies with the requirements to obtain a CPCN. Rule of Procedure 114 sets the requirements that competitive local exchange carriers—such as the Company—must satisfy to obtain a CPCN. IDAPA 31.01.01.114. We find that the Company has satisfied Rule 114. The Company has provided all needed information in its Application, including financial information. The Company also has the financial, managerial, and technical qualifications needed to operate as a telecommunications service provider, and it has reviewed and agreed to comply with this Commission's rules. We thus find it reasonable to approve the Company's Application for a CPCN, subject to these conditions:

- 1) The Company must comply with North American Number Plan Administrator requirements.
- 2) The Company must comply with all reporting and contribution requirements prescribed by the Idaho Universal Service Fund, Idaho Telecommunications Relay System, and Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program.
- 3) The Company must comply with all future reporting requirements deemed appropriate by the Commission for competitive telecommunications providers.
- 4) Before issuance of its CPCN, the Company must file with the Commission a final price list outlining its rates, terms, and conditions.
- 5) The Company must provide three reports to the Commission indicating the number of basic local exchange customers it has and the services being offered. These reports will be due on: May 11, 2020; September 10, 2020; and January 11, 2021. If the Company fails to provide the three reports, the Company shall relinquish its CPCN and all telephone numbers.

ORDER

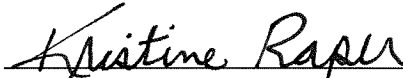
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application for a CPCN is granted subject to the conditions outlined above.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* §§ 61-626 and 62-619.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  day of February 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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