

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF TELRITE) CASE NO. TEC-T-22-01
CORPORATION’S d/b/a LIFE WIRELESS)
APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
CARRIER) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 35536
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On June 14, 2022, Telrite Corporation d/b/a Life Wireless (“Company”) applied for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in Idaho. On July 1, 2022, the Company supplemented its Application to comply with the Tribal notification requirements of Order No. 35126. The Company further supplemented its Application on August 25, 2022, to notify the Commission that it provided a copy of its Application and Supplement to the five federally recognized tribes 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 seeks designation as an ETC in Idaho “for the limited purpose of receiving universal service support to provide wireless services to low-income Idaho households as part of the Lifeline program.” Application at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company does not seek access to federal Universal Service Fund (“USF”) programs but does request authority to participate and be reimbursed from the Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program (“ITSAP”). *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company asserts it meets all federal and state requirements for designation as an ETC and that designating the Company as an ETC is in the public interest. The Company asks that the Commission grant it ETC status “expeditiously.” *Id.* at 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and the Supplements to the Application 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 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Titles 61 and 62 of the Idaho Code.

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 website 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 Commission Secretary and the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and the Company at these addresses:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
Commission:**

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **within twenty-eight (28) days of the service date of this Order.**


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 within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. The Company must file any reply comments within twenty-eight (28) days of the service date of this Order.

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 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 26th day of September 2022.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

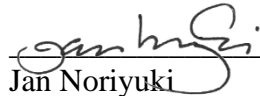


JOHN CHATBURN, COMMISSIONER



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