# BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF TERRACOM INC.	)	CASE NO. TRA-T-23-01
d/b/a MAXSIP TEL'S APPLICATION FOR	)	
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE	)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER FOR	)	
THE LIMTIED PURPOSE OF OFFERING	)	NOTICE OF
LIFELINE SERVICE TO QUALIFIED	)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
HOUSEHOLDS	)	
	)	ORDER NO. 35966
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On July 13, 2023, Terracom Inc., d/b/a Maxsip Tel, ("Company"), applied for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") throughout Idaho.

The Idaho Public Utitlites Commission ("Commission") now provides this Notice of Application and establishes comment deadlines for interested persons and the Company's reply.

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company describes itself as a prepaid wireless telecommunication services provider using the underlying wireless networks of Tier 1 carriers, like T-Mobile and AT&T, on a wholesale basis.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that it seeks ETC designation only to provide Lifeline service to qualifying Idaho consumers—not to access the federal Universal Service Fund. The Company does, however, request authority to participate in and obtain reimbursement from the Idaho Telephone Assistance Program.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company asserts that it meets all federal and state requirements for designation as an ETC, that it will comply with all regulations imposed by the Commission, and that designating the Company as an ETC is in the public interest.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company asserts that its entry into the marketplace will only increase Universal Service Fund Lifeline funding when it obtains Lifeline customers not already enrolled in the program through another ETC.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and Attachments 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 <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. 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 Title 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 it will review the case through written submissions under the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201-204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. 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 they support or oppose the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Persons shall have until November 7, 2023, to file written comments. Comments must be filed through the Commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. 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 Company at these addresses:

#### For the Idaho PUC:

Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074 secretary@puc.idaho.gov

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# For Terracom, Inc.:

Lance J.M. Steinhart, Esq. Lance J.M. Steinhart, P.C. 1725 Windward Concourse, Suite 150 Alpharetta, Georgia 30005 <a href="mailto:lsteinhart@telecomcounsel.com">lsteinhart@telecomcounsel.com</a> YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments by November 14, 2023.

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, Rules 201-204. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by November 7, 2023. The Company must file any reply comments by November 14, 2023.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023.

ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

OHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jan Noriyuki

**Commission Secretary** 

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