# BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	) CASE NO. WFL-T-25-02
OF WEST FIBER, LLC FOR A	)
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE	) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL	)
EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	) NOTICE OF
SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF IDAHO	) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
	)
	) ORDER NO. 36612
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On March 17, 2025, West Fiber, LLC, doing business as HyperFiber ("Company") applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") authorizing the Company to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Idaho.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company states that it intends to provide fiber optic facilities-based point to point private line services throughout the State of Idaho. Application at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that it is a Delaware limited liability company, authorized to do business in the State of Idaho. *Id.* at 1-2. The Company states that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of HyperFiber, LLC. *Id.* at 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that the initiation of operations and construction is being held pending certification from the Commission. *Id*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that the incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILEC") with whom the Company is likely to compete in their service territories includes: Albion Telephone Company dba ATC Communications, Cambridge Telephone Company, CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc., Columbine Telephone Company dba Silver Star Communications, Direct Communications, Rockland, Inc., Fremont Telecom Company dba Blackfoot Inland Telephone Company, Midvale Telephone Exchange, Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc., Pine Telephone System, Inc., Potlatch Telephone Company dba RTL. *Id.* The Company Company dba CenturyLink QC and Rural Telephone Company dba RTL. *Id.* The Company

provided a map of the ILEC's service areas and the areas in which the Company states it is likely to compete. *Id.* Exhibit 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company provided its proposed tariff and proposed services and charges. *Id.* Exhibit 5.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and its Exhibits 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 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 21 days of the service date of this Order. Comments must be filed through the Commission website or by email unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission's website at <a href="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 the Company at these addresses:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 36612

# For the Idaho Public Utilities Commission:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments within 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. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so within 21 days of the service date of this Order. The Company must file any reply comments within 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  $22^{nd}$  day of May 2025.

EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

OHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

Monica Barrios-Sanchez Commission Secretary

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