

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF FARMERS MUTUAL)
TELECOM, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR A) CASE NO. FMU-T-15-01
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY) ORDER NO. 33360
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On June 10, 2015, Farmers Mutual Telecom, Inc. (Farmers) applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) authorizing it to provide basic local exchange service as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) in Idaho. The Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure with a 21-day comment period. Order No. 33341. Commission Staff was the only party to file written comments.

THE APPLICATION

Farmers is an Idaho corporation, authorized to do business in Idaho. Exhibit 1. Farmers proposes to “provide Dialtone, Local, and Long Distance calling service; ISP services; Hosted PBX, Fire and Security services; Special Access; [and] Computer Repair and Virus Cleanup services as a CLEC” throughout the State of Idaho. Application at 2. The Company seeks authority to provide basic local exchange service in competition with CenturyLink, in CenturyLink’s service areas. *Id.* Farmers agrees to comply with all Commission rules. Application at 3.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff reviewed Farmers’ Application and supplemental filings for compliance with applicable legal requirements for obtaining a CPCN. Based on its review, Staff believes the Company understands and agrees to comply with the Commission’s rules and requirements. Staff believes Farmers has fulfilled all requirements for a CPCN and recommended approval of the Company’s Application.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Based on our review of the record, including the Company’s Application and Staff’s comments, we find that the Company’s Application complies with the requirements for a CPCN. Rule of Procedure 114 sets forth the requirements that competitive local exchange carriers – such as Farmers – must satisfy to obtain a CPCN. IDAPA 31.01.01.114. We find that Farmers has

provided all needed information in its Application, including financial information, and that Farmers possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and technical qualifications needed to operate as a telecommunications services provider. We also find that the Company is aware of and has agreed to comply with this Commission's rules. For these reasons, we approve Farmers' Application for a CPCN subject to the following conditions:

1. Farmers shall comply with number pooling and reporting requirements of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, as set forth in Commission Order No. 30425;
2. Farmers shall provide necessary reports and contributions as appropriate to the Idaho Universal Service Fund, Idaho Telecommunications Relay System, Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program, and shall comply with all future reporting requirements deemed appropriate by the Commission for competitive telecommunications providers;
3. Prior to issuance of the Certificate, Farmers shall file a final price list outlining all its rates, terms and conditions with the Commission; and
4. Farmers will relinquish its Certificate and all telephone numbers if, within one year of issuance of a CPCN, the Company is not providing local exchange telecommunications services in Idaho.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Farmers Mutual Telecom, Inc.'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* § 62-619.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 21st
day of August 2015.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

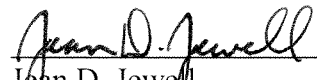


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



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ATTEST:



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