

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. GNR-T-03-19
OF COVISTA, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE)	
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL)	
EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
SERVICES.)	PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 29269

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on May 19, 2003, Covista, Inc. ("Covista") filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange service within the State of Idaho. This Application was subsequently amended by Covista in a filing received June 12, 2003. Located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Covista is wholly-owned by Covista Communications, Inc. and incorporated in the State of New Jersey.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Covista intends to provide resold local exchange services and local services utilizing the UNE-P platform. Such services will be provided by utilizing the facilities of incumbent local exchange carriers ("LECs"), as well as unbundled network elements. Covista intends to provide all forms of local exchange telecommunications services including: 1) local exchange services for business and residential customers; 2) switched local exchange services such as flat-rated, measure-rated, and vertical services; 3) non-switched local services (e.g., private line); 4) Centrex and/or Centrex-like services; and 5) digital subscriber line, ISDN, and other high capacity line services.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Applicant's local calling areas will initially coincide with the incumbent local exchange carriers' local calling areas. Applicant does not intend to service areas serviced by any LECs that are eligible for a small or rural carrier exemption pursuant to Section 251 of the federal Telecom Act of 1996. According to its Application, Covista has not initiated interconnection or resale negotiations.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Covista's Application states that Covista will not require advance payments or deposits. Therefore, it does not request an escrow account.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application states Covista has reviewed the laws and regulations of this Commission governing local exchange telecommunications services in Idaho and will provide service in accordance with all laws, rules and regulations to the extent they are not preempted by the federal Act.

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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street
Boise, ID 83702-5983

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.state.id.us. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Applicant at the e-mail addresses listed above.

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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and Amendment, together with supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits, have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Covista Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter should do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

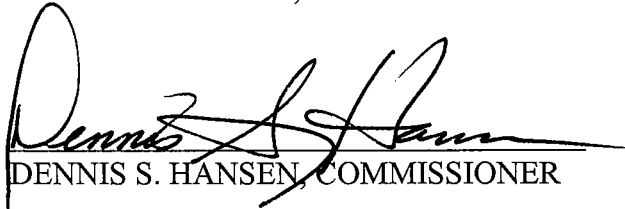
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 20th
day of June 2003.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

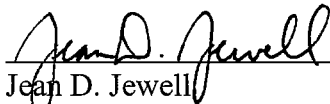


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ATTEST:



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Commission Secretary

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