

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
VERIZON AVENUE CORP. FOR A)	CASE NO. GNR-T-03-26
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)	
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE)	ORDER NO. 29497
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.)	

On August 15, 2004, Verizon Avenue Corp. (Verizon Avuenue; Company) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange and interexchange services within the State of Idaho. Verizon Avenue is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Verizon Communications, Inc. Verizon Avenue intends to offer local exchange service and local toll service by reselling services obtained through existing local exchange carriers, other than Verizon Northwest Inc. The Company's Application states it does not intend to offer competitive local exchange, local toll or interLATA toll telephone services within the service territory of Verizon Northwest.

On March 30, 2004, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure to process Verizon Avenue's Application. Staff filed written comments confirming that the Company had filed illustrative tariffs to comply with the Commission's rules and Idaho statutes. Staff recommended approval of Verizon Avenue's Application. Written comments were also filed by the Idaho Telephone Association. ITA noted that Verizon Avenue has not made a bona fide request to any ITA member for interconnection, services or network elements. ITA recommended that a grant of Certificate authority to Verizon Avenue be made subject to the exemption of ITA members from the obligations of incumbent local exchange carriers under Section 251(c) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Staff reviewed the information provided by Verizon Avenue in its Application and believes it satisfies the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Procedure 111, IDAPA 31.01.01.111, and Procedural Order No. 26665 issued November 7, 1996, which sets out the necessary information to be included with an application for a certificate. The Company intends to provide Internet services, making high speed Internet available to residential customers within the State of Idaho. Verizon Avenue intends to provide service via unbundled network elements

and resold service of incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs). The Company intends to initiate interconnection agreements with other local exchange carriers.

Verizon Avenue stated in its Application that it has reviewed all Commission rules and agrees to comply with those rules. The Company does not intend to require deposits from its customers and has not submitted a surety bond. Verizon Avenue seeks Commission approval without the requirement of the bond. The Application states that should Verizon Avenue begin to require customer deposits it will obtain a surety bond and submit a copy to the Commission.

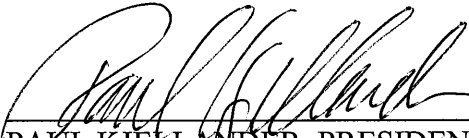
The Commission finds that Verizon Avenue has satisfied all the requirements of the Commission's Rules and Procedural Order No. 26665 setting forth the requirements for an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The Commission therefore approves the Application of Verizon Avenue Corp. If the Company makes a bona fide request for interconnection with a rural telephone company, Section 252(f)(A) of the Telecommunications Act requires that notice of its request be submitted to the Commission.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Verizon Avenue Corp. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to enable the Company to provide basic local exchange service with the State of Idaho. Furthermore, this grant of a CPCN to Verizon Avenue is subject to the exemption of Idaho Telephone Association members from the obligations of incumbent local exchange carriers under Section 251(c) of the 1996 Act, until such time as the requirements for lifting such exemption contained in Section 251(f) of the 1996 Act have been met.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order (or in issues finally decided by this Order) or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. GNR-T-03-26 may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. GNR-T-03-26. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

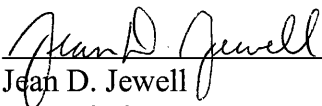
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 12th
day of May 2004.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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