

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF SILVER STAR)
TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.'S PETITION) CASE NO. SIL-T-13-01
TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATED SERVICE)
AREA BOUNDARY) ORDER NO. 32853
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On February 11, 2013, Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc. petitioned the Commission for an Order amending the service area boundary described in the Company's Certificate No. 207. *See* Petition for Amendment of Certificated Service Area Boundary ("Petition"). On May 13, 2013, the Company filed revised service area boundary illustrations and descriptions. The Company asked the Commission to process the case under Modified Procedure.

On June 12, 2013, the Commission issued a Notice of Petition and Notice of Modified Procedure that solicited public input on the Petition and set a July 3, 2013 comment deadline. *See* Order No. 32825. Commission Staff filed the only comments in the case and supported the Company's Application.

Having reviewed the record, we enter this Order granting the Company's Petition.

THE PETITION

According to the Petition, the Company is a Title 61 regulated telephone corporation organized under Wyoming law, with its principal place of business in Freedom, Wyoming. It is authorized to do business in Idaho. Petition at 1. The Company provides basic local exchange telecommunications services, mobile telephone services, transport services to interexchange carriers, special access services, broadband, and other telecommunications services that customers may require. *Id.*

The Commission issued Certificate No. 207 to the Company in 1953. *See* Order No. 2312. The Certificate was amended three times after that. Petition at 2 (citing Order Nos. 5712, 7076, and 26578). The Company now requests another amendment to the Certificate to correct the certificated exchange areas so they accurately reflect the Company's actual service areas. The Company says it has served the areas within the corrected boundaries since at least 1963, and that it remains willing to serve, and is best able to serve, the customers within the corrected boundaries. *Id.*

The Company says the requested Certificate amendment will not affect any other certificated telephone carrier's service area boundary and that the corrected boundaries are not near and will not interfere with any other utility's existing lines, plants, or systems. *Id.*

The Company's Petition, and subsequent May 13, 2013 filing, attach copies of the Company's Certificate as amended to date, illustrations depicting the Company's actual service area, and a legal description for each amended certificate service area exchange being requested. The Company asks the Commission to grant an amendment to the Certificate that incorporates the boundary correction adjustments. *See* Petition at 3; May 13, 2013 filing.

THE COMMENTS

Staff reviewed the Company's Petition and verified that the Company's proposed, corrected boundaries do not overlap the service areas of any Title 61 or certified telephone carrier. Staff said the Company's proposed, corrected service area boundaries include unserved territory, and Staff believes it is in the public interest to allow the Company to continue to serve the current and future customers in the service area. Staff thus recommended that the Commission grant the Petition, as amended by the May 15, 2013 filing.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Based on our review of the record, including the Company's Petition and Staff's comments, we find it is in the public interest to correct the service area boundaries set forth in Certificate No. 207 to accurately reflect the Company's actual service areas. Accordingly, we find it fair, just, and reasonable to grant the Company's Petition as supplemented by the May 15, 2013 filing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Petition is granted. The Company's CPCN shall be amended to correct the certificated boundary areas as described in the Petition as supplemented by the Company's May 15, 2013 filing.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in the Order 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. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code* § 61-626.

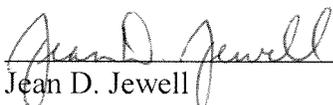
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 17th
day of July 2013.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


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