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MEMORANDUM

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
Bill Duncan, Telecommunications / Water Manager
Ron Slusher, Utility Technical Consultant

Date: August 30, 2012

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local Exchange Services within the State of Utah. Docket No. 12-2545-01.

RECOMMENDATION: (Approval)

The Division has reviewed the technical, managerial, and financial abilities of the Applicant and has found that the Applicant has provided the necessary information to fulfill the requirements as stated in the existing Commission rules. The Division believes that the public interest will be promoted by recommending that the Commission allow the Applicant a CPCN as requested under the same terms and conditions allowed in other CPCNs.

The Division also recommends that the \$100,000 bond be waived on the basis that the Applicant will not require customer deposits or prepayments of any kind.

EXPLANATION:

Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc. ("Applicant") filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") on August 15, 2012. The Division reviewed the application and found the following:

Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc. is a Florida corporation with its corporate headquarters located at 5471 North University Drive, Coral Springs, FL. 33067. They are a registered corporation with the State of Utah and are in good standing.

The Applicant seeks authority as a reseller and facilities-based provider of interexchange and local exchange services in the service areas of CenturyLink Communications Inc.

According to financial statements attested to be accurate, objective and with integrity by Chris Barton, President and CEO of Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc., the Applicant has a positive net worth and has ample working capital.

The Applicant does not currently own property in the State of Utah and does not plan to construct any facilities in the state. The Applicant will provide local exchange services through resale or unbundled interconnection with the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier.

The Applicant intends to commence negotiations with Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink for interconnection / commercial agreements immediately upon receiving approval from the Public Service Commission of Utah to operate as a local exchange telecommunications service provider in the State of Utah.

Summaries of professional experience and education of its managerial personnel demonstrate that the Applicant has considerable experience in the telecommunications industry. The Applicant is currently authorized to provide local exchange telecommunications services in Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

The Applicant claims that it has never had any complaints nor has any investigation been undertaken against it or any of its affiliates involving unauthorized switching (slamming) or any other illegal activities. The Applicant also states that it has implemented policies and procedures concerning solicitation of new customers.

The Applicant requests that the \$100,000 bond requirement be waived because it will not require customer deposits or prepayments of any kind.

The Applicant asserts that approval of its application will serve the public interest creating and enhancing competition and expanding customer service options. Additionally, the approval of this application will expand the availability of innovative, high quality, reliable and competitively-priced telecommunications services in the State of Utah.

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