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In Re: Blackfoot Communications, Inc. d/b/a Blackfoot - CPCN

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Application
of Blackfoot Communications, Inc.
d/b/a Blackfoot for a Certificate
of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide
Telecommunications Services in
the State of Utah

Docket No. 16-2592-01

HEARING PROCEEDINGS

TAKEN AT: Public Service Commission
160 East 300 South, Room 451
Salt Lake City, Utah
DATE: Monday, December 5, 2016
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
REPORTER: Daren S. Bloxham, R.P.R.

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3 ALJ JONSSON: For the record, today is
4 Monday, December 5th, 2016. It's 9:00 in the morning.
5 And this is the date and time set for the hearing in
6 the Matter of the Application of Blackfoot
7 Communications Incorporated For a Certificate of Public
8 Convenience and Necessity to Provide Telecommunication
9 Services in the State of Utah. The docket number is
10 16-2592-01.

11 We'll get appearances on the record.
12 Blackfoot Communications is appearing telephonically.
13 There are two representatives of the company on the
14 phone. Would each of you state your name for the
15 record and also state the position you hold with
16 Blackfoot.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Sure. I'm Jason Williams, and
18 my title is chief executive officer.

19 ALJ JONSSON: Okay. Thank you.

20 MS. OWENS: Michelle Owens, regulatory
21 specialist.

22 ALJ JONSSON: Thank you. We also have the
23 Division of Public Utilities here. Let's get those
24 appearances.

25 MR. JETTER: Good morning. It's loud. This

1 is Justin Jetter. I'm here today representing the Utah
2 Division of Public Utilities. And with me at counsel
3 table is Ronald Slusher with the Division of Public
4 Utilities.

5 ALJ JONSSON: Thank you. All right.
6 Mr. Williams and Ms. Owens, this is your application,
7 so I'll go ahead and turn the floor over to you.

8 Do you both swear to tell the truth today?

9 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, we do.

10 ALJ JONSSON: Mr. Williams, you too?

11 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, I do.

12 ALJ JONSSON: Oh, okay. So why don't you go
13 ahead and put on the record whatever it is you would
14 like the Commission to consider.

15 MR. WILLIAMS: I guess we would like to
16 consider the Application for a Certificate of Public
17 Convenience and Necessity that was submitted to provide
18 competitive telecommunication services throughout the
19 state of Utah in those areas in which an RBOC is the
20 incumbent local exchange carrier. That's essentially
21 it.

22 ALJ JONSSON: Okay. Are there any changes or
23 corrections that need to be made to the application?

24 MR. WILLIAMS: No.

25 ALJ JONSSON: And is it your testimony today

1 that everything contained in the application is true,
2 accurate, and current?

3 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

4 ALJ JONSSON: Okay. Specifically, the
5 company's represented that it won't be charging any --
6 for any prepaid services or collecting any customer
7 deposits. Does that remain the case?

8 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, that's correct.

9 ALJ JONSSON: Thank you. Mr. Jetter, any
10 questions?

11 MR. JETTER: I have no questions.

12 ALJ JONSSON: All right. Go ahead then with
13 your portion.

14 MR. JETTER: Thank you. The Division would
15 like to have sworn in its witness today, Ron Slusher.

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17 RONALD SLUSHER,

18 having been first duly sworn to tell the
19 truth, was examined and testified as follows:

20 EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. JETTER:

22 Q. Mr. Slusher, would you please state your name
23 and occupation for the record.

24 A. My name is Ron Slusher, S-L-U-S-H-E-R. I'm a
25 utility technical consultant for the Division of Public

1 Utilities.

2 Q. Thank you. And in the course of your
3 employment with the Utah Division of Public Utilities,
4 did you have an opportunity to review the application
5 and the additional information filed along with the
6 application in this docket?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q. And did you create and cause to be filed with
9 the Commission a memorandum from the Division of Public
10 Utilities dated November 17th, 2016?

11 A. Yes, I did.

12 Q. Do you have any corrections or changes you'd
13 like to make to that?

14 A. I do not.

15 Q. Does that still accurately reflect the
16 position of the Division of Public Utilities?

17 A. Yes, it does.

18 Q. And are you aware of any objections to the
19 issuance of the CPCN in this docket?

20 A. I've not heard or seen of any objections.

21 Q. Finally, do you believe that approval of the
22 application for CPCN for Blackfoot Communications in
23 this docket would be just, reasonable, and in the
24 public interest?

25 A. Yes.

1 MR. JETTER: Thank you. I'd like to move to
2 enter the memo of the Division dated November 17th,
3 2016, into the record.

4 ALJ JONSSON: Any objection, Mr. Williams or
5 Ms. Owens?

6 MR. WILLIAMS: No.

7 ALJ JONSSON: Okay.

8 MR. JETTER: Thank you. I have no further
9 questions, and Mr. Slusher is available for questions
10 from the Commission or Blackfoot.

11 ALJ JONSSON: Mr. Williams and Ms. Owens, do
12 you have any questions for the Division?

13 MR. WILLIAMS: No.

14 ALJ JONSSON: All right. Well, then I
15 believe I have what I need. This I think breaks the
16 record for the quickest hearing we've ever had. It
17 is -- the order in this matter will issue this week.

18 I don't know for sure that it will issue
19 today. The Commission is working on some other dockets
20 that are very time sensitive. But it should go out
21 this week.

22 And with that, I think we can close this
23 hearing. Thank you all very much.

24 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

25 (The proceedings concluded at 9:05 a.m.)

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I have subscribed my name on this 9th day of December, 2016.



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