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## Action Request Response

**To:** Public Service Commission of Utah

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director  
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**Date:** March 30, 2026

**Re:** **Docket No. 26-2661-01:** In the Matter of the Application of Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-based Local Exchange Telecommunications Service within the State of Utah.

## Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") has reviewed the technical, managerial, and financial abilities of Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC. ("Ziplly Fiber" or "Applicant") and has found that it has provided the necessary information to fulfill the requirements as stated in the existing Public Service Commission ("Commission") rules. The public interest will be promoted by the Commission granting Ziplly Fiber a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("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.

Ziplly Fiber has asked that its application be adjudicated informally under Utah Code Ann. § 54-8b-3(1)(b).



The Division expects that based on history, a filing of this type and with the information submitted by Ziplly Fiber will generate no objections or opposition to this recommendation. Therefore, the Division requests that this docket be adjudicated informally in accordance with Utah Administrative Code R746-110-1.

## **Discussion**

On or about March 04, 2026, Ziplly Fiber or Applicant filed an application for a CPCN. The Division reviewed the application and found the following:

Ziplly Fiber is a registered foreign corporation within the State of Utah; with its corporate headquarters located at 135 Lake Street South, Suite 155, Kirkland, WA. 98033.

Ziplly Fiber seeks authority to provide its proposed services to business and residential customers, from all points in Utah where demand for its services arises. Importantly, however, Applicant does not seek authority to provide local exchange service or other circuit-switched services within any local exchange that has fewer than 5,000 lines and that is owned or controlled by an incumbent telephone corporation with fewer than 30,000 access lines in the state in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 54-8b-2.1 (3) and (4).

Per the Applicant's statement, "it seeks to provide facilities-based SONET, Dark Fiber, Private Line, Ethernet, Wavelength, Dedicated Internet Access, Collocation services, voice over internet protocol, and other similar services to wholesale customers (e.g., other carriers), enterprise and residential. Applicant will primarily provide services using its own facilities and facilities leased from other carriers, but also seeks authority to provide service for resale".

The Applicant anticipates offering services in Utah as soon as reasonably practicable after it has received approval from the Commission to operate as a local exchange telecommunications service provider in the State of Utah.

The Applicant states that it does not plan to furnish switched voice services or dial tone at this time, and therefore the requirements to provide access to directory assistance, directory listings, operator services, and emergency services do not apply. If Applicant desires to provide local exchange service to end users in the future, it will seek to amend its Certificate to provide local exchange service and, at that time, explain how it proposes to provide access to ordinary intraLATA and interLATA message toll calling, operator services, directory assistance, directory listings, and emergency services.

Summaries of professional experience and education of its managerial personnel demonstrate that the Applicant has considerable experience in the telecommunications industry.

According to financial statements attested to be accurate, objective and with integrity by Jessica Epley, VP – Regulatory & External Affairs, of Zply Fiber Pacific, LLC. the Applicant has a positive net worth and has ample working capital and support from the parent company Bell Canada.

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 is currently authorized to provide local exchange telecommunications services in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

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 since it does not provide switched voice services to end users currently, it does not have a written solicitation policy. The Applicant goes on to state that to the extent that it provides local exchange services to end users in the future, it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations to prevent the unauthorized switching of local service customers by the Applicant, its employees or agents.

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.

## **Conclusion**

Based on the Division's review of the filing, we conclude the public interest will be promoted by the Commission granting Ziplly Fiber a CPCN and request the Commission approve the application.

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