

Decision No. C20-0911

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20A-0443T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRUSTID, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE PART IV SERVICES.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
APPLICATION WITH CONDITIONS**

Mailed Date: December 23, 2020
Adopted Date: December 23, 2020

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. By this Decision, we grant, with conditions set forth below, the application of TRUSTID, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide Part IV services in Colorado.

B. Background

2. On October 29, 2020, TRUSTID, Inc. filed an Application for a CPCN to provide Part IV services. TRUSTID, Inc. seeks to provide local exchange and interexchange voice services in Colorado.

3. On October 30, notice of the Application was provided to all persons, firms or corporations, interested in or affected by the grant or denial of the request. Interventions were due on or before November 30, 2020. No interventions were received in this proceeding.

4. On December 16, 2020, TRUSTID, Inc. filed a statement of willingness to provide financial assurance pursuant to a Commission Staff calculation based upon projected revenue.

TRUSTID, Inc. agrees to provide the Commission financial assurance in the form of a bond or a letter of credit in the amount of \$4,608 as a condition of obtaining its CPCN.

C. Discussion

5. No intervention has been filed opposing the Application. We therefore find that the Application is unopposed and consider it without a formal hearing pursuant to § 406-109(5), C.R.S.

6. The Commission modified its Rules Regulating Telecommunications Services and Providers of Telecommunications Services, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-2 (Proceeding No. 16R-0453T, effective September 1, 2017). The modified rules allow providers offering Part IV services under § 40-15-401, C.R.S., to apply to the Commission to obtain a CPCN. No CPCN is required for services classified in Part IV of Article 15 of Title 40 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Pursuant to § 40-15-503.5, C.R.S., and Commission Rule 2111, 4 CCR 723-2, the Commission may require an applicant requesting an operating authority to post a bond or provide other security as a condition of obtaining a Commission operating authority.

7. Due to the financial information provided by TRUSTID, Inc., we conclude that financial assurance for the issuance of a CPCN is necessary and appropriate in the form of either a bond or a letter of credit and shall be required to be posted with the Commission under the terms and conditions specified in the Attachments to this Decision. The issuance of a bond or letter of credit is consistent with previously issued Commission decisions granting CPCNs when financial fitness is an issue. Section 40-15-503.5, C.R.S., and Commission Rule 2111 allow the Commission to impose a bond or other security as a condition of obtaining an operating authority.

8. With the issuance of this authority, TRUSTID, Inc. must: (1) file a bond or letter of credit consistent with the terms and conditions in the Attachments to this Decision; and

(2) comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements pursuant to Rule 2103(a)(XVI), 4 CCR 723-2.

9. For the purpose of providing interexchange services, TRUSTID, Inc. is directed to complete and file with the Commission an Interexchange Carrier (IXC) Registration form that is available on the Commission's website. No Commission authority is required, other than being properly registered, to provide interexchange services

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. TRUSTID, Inc. is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide Part IV services on a statewide basis with the conditions included herein.

2. TRUSTID, Inc. is not required to create and provide tariffs to the Commission.

3. TRUSTID, Inc. shall not unjustly discriminate among customers in the same class of service, per Commission Rule 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-2-2103.

4. Before commencing operations under this CPCN to provide Part IV services, TRUSTID, Inc. shall file with the Commission, financial assurance in the form of a bond or letter of credit consistent with the terms and conditions as described in the Attachments to this Decision.

5. If TRUSTID, Inc. fails to file financial assurance within one year from the Mailed Date of this Decision, this CPCN to provide Part IV services shall be deemed null and void without further action of the Commission. For good cause shown, and if a proper request is filed within one year of the Mailed Date of this Decision, the Commission may grant additional time within which to file financial assurance.

6. Consistent with terms and conditions established in previous Commission decisions, TRUSTID, Inc. will be required to contribute, as prescribed by statute, rule or order of

the Commission, based on the entirety of its intrastate services regardless of the technology, to the Public Utilities Commission’s Telecommunications Utilities Fund, the Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism, the Colorado Telephone Users Disabilities Fund, and other financial support mechanisms that may be created in the future by the Commission to implement §§ 40-15-502(4) and (5), C.R.S.

7. The 20-day period provided for in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file applications for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration begins on the first day following the effective date of this Decision.

8. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS’ WEEKLY MEETING
December 23, 2020.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

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