

Decision No. C14-0977

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0585T

IN THE MATTER OF BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC SUBMITTING A LETTER OF REGISTRATION TO ADD SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES TO OUR CURRENT OFFERINGS.

DECISION GRANTING APPLICATION

Mailed Date: August 12, 2014
Adopted Date: July 9, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On June 2, 2014, Big River Telephone Company, LLC (Big River) filed an Application to amend their Letter of Registration (LOR) to provide access services pursuant to Rule 2103 of the Rules Regulating Telecommunications Providers, Services, and Products, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-2.

2. On June 3, 2014, notice of the application was provided to all persons, firms, or corporations, interested in or affected by the grant or denial of the requested relief. Interventions were due on or before July 3, 2014. No interventions were filed.

3. Big River was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and necessity and an LOR in Decision No. C13-0737, 13A-0194T on June 21, 2013. Their application however, did not include switched services in the emerging competitive services identified for their original LOR.

B. Discussion

4. We find that the application contains all of the information required by applicable Commission rules and is therefore deemed complete.

5. No party has filed an intervention opposing the application. We therefore find that the application is unopposed and may be considered without a formal hearing pursuant to § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S.

6. We find that Big River's application is not contrary to the public interest. Therefore, we grant Big River's application for amending their LOR to provide switched access services.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The application filed on June 2, 2014 by Big River Telephone Company, LLC (Big River) is deemed complete.

2. Applicant Big River is granted an amendment to their Letter of Registration (LOR) to provide switched access service throughout the State of Colorado.

3. Applicant Big River's switched access services will be regulated according to the regulatory scheme it selected under Rule 2203(d), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-2, Option 1.

4. Applicant Big River shall serve customers in its service territory on a non-discriminatory basis. "Service territory" shall be defined as that portion of Colorado included in the local exchange maps provided or incorporated by reference in the applicant's tariff. However, Big River shall not be required to extend service to customers where the underlying facilities-based provider has no facilities.

5. Before commencing operations under this LOR to provide switched services, Big River shall file an Advice Letter and accompanying tariff, on not less than 30 days' notice, to be effective within one year from the Mailed Date of this Decision. The proposed tariff shall contain all the information required under Rule 2122.

7. In accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure, Big River will be required to maintain its books of accounts and records using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

8. Consistent with terms and conditions established in previous Commission decisions, Big River will be required to contribute for all of its intraLATA services, to the Public Utilities Commission's Fixed Utilities Fund, the Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism, the Disabled Telephone Users 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.

9. 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.

10. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
July 9, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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