

Decision No. C14-0980

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0697T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONNXTION, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND LOR.

**DECISION GRANTING
APPLICATION WITH CONDITIONS**

Mailed Date: August 12, 2014
Adopted Date: August 6, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On June 26, 2014, ConnXtion, LLC (ConXtion), filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide local exchange telecommunications services and a Letter of Registration to provide emerging competitive telecommunications services pursuant to Rule 2103 of the Rules Regulating Telecommunications Providers, Services, and Products, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-2.

2. On July 11, 2014, in response to a letter sent by the Staff of the Commission, ConXtion submitted an amendment to its application that also included a statement that it agrees to provide financial assurance as a condition of obtaining its telecommunications authority.

B. Discussion

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

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

5. Pursuant to § 40-15-503.5, C.R.S., the Commission may require a regulated telecommunications provider to post a bond or provide other security as a condition of obtaining a certificate, registration, or operating authority. Commission Staff reviewed the financial information provided in the application and identified specific concerns regarding the financial information provided by the applicant. We agree with these concerns and determine that financial assurance in the form of either a bond or a letter of credit shall be required to be posted with the Commission under the terms and conditions specified in the Attachments to this Decision.

6. We find that ConXtion's application is consistent with the legislative policy statements contained in §§ 40-15-101, 40-15-501, and 40-15-502, C.R.S., and is not contrary to the public interest. Therefore, we grant ConXtion's application for a CPCN to provide local exchange telecommunications services.

7. Before providing local exchange telecommunications services ConXtion must: (1) have effective tariffs for its services on file with the Commission; (2) file a bond or letter of credit consistent with the terms and conditions in the Attachments to this Decision; and (3) comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to telecommunications providers pursuant to Rule 2103(a)(XV).

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The application filed on June 26, 2014, by ConnXtion Ultra Broadband, LLC (ConXtion) is deemed complete.

2. ConXtion is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide local exchange telecommunications services with the conditions included herein. A detailed description of the applicant's service territory will be delineated in the exchange maps or maps incorporated by reference and the local calling areas in ConXtion's tariff.

3. ConXtion's local exchange telecommunications services will be regulated according to the regulatory scheme it selected under Rule 2203(d), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-2, Option 2.

4. ConXtion is granted a Letter of Registration (LOR) to provide the following emerging competitive telecommunications services throughout Colorado: Advance Features; Premium Services; IntraLATA Toll and Switched Access.

5. ConXtion 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, ConXtion shall not be required to extend service to customers where the underlying facilities-based provider has no facilities.

6. Before commencing operations under this CPCN to provide local exchange telecommunications services or LOR to provide emerging competitive telecommunications services, ConXtion shall file an Advice Letter and accompanying tariff, on not less than 30 days' notice, to be effective within 1 year from the Mailed Date of this Decision. The proposed tariff shall contain all the information required under Rule 2122. ConXtion may also file a separate price list in addition to its proposed tariff under Rule 2123.

7. If ConXtion fails to file an Advice Letter and accompanying proposed tariff that is effective within one year from the Mailed Date of this Decision, this CPCN to provide

local exchange telecommunications 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 ConXtion additional time within which to file a tariff.

8. Concurrent with the filing of an Advice Letter and accompanying tariff, ConXtion shall file a bond or letter of credit consistent with the terms and conditions attached to this Decision.

9. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1, ConXtion will be required to maintain its books of accounts and records using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

10. Consistent with terms and conditions established in previous Commission decisions, ConXtion 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.

11. 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.

12. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 6, 2014.**

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Doug Dean,
Director

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ABSENT.