(text box: 1)BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN STATES FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ITS CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVE-NIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNI-CATIONS SERVICES. | )))))))) | CASE NO. ATT-T-96-1NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 29, 1996, AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. (AT&T) filed a Notice and Application for an Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity requesting an amendment authorizing it to provide local exchange telecommunications service in the state of Idaho.  AT&T asserts that the recently enacted federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 is intended to promote the development of competition in local exchange service markets and that any limitations on its ability to provide such services contained in Title 61 and Title 62, Idaho Code, are preempted by the federal Act.  AT&T currently provides unregulated services under Title 62 and requests an amendment to its authority in order to provide statewide all Title 61 regulated telecommunications services, including basic exchange services.

AT&T’s Application states it intends to provide local exchange service in areas currently served by U S WEST Communications and GTE Northwest Incorporated (GTE) after it completes negotiations with those companies concerning necessary interconnection and operational arrangements.

AT&T’s Application asserts that the present or future public convenience and necessity will require its basic exchange services, that its services will not interfere with existing utilities’ operations, and that AT&T has the financial ability to provide basic exchange services and other services in the state of Idaho.  AT&T intends to provide local service on a resale or facilities basis, or a combination of both, after the necessary interconnection and operational arrangements with U S WEST and GTE are in place.  The Commission issued a Notice of AT&T’s Application on March 29, 1996.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through -.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice.  The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment.  Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments.  Written comments concerning this application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing.  If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of May 1996.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

May 15, 1996