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FROM:CHERI COPSEY

DATE:OCTOBER 30, 1997

RE:CENTURY TELEPHONE OF IDAHO, INC., POTLATCH TELEPHONE COMPANY AND TROY TELEPHONE COMPANY'S (d.b.a. TDS Telecom) PETITION FOR ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION - CASE NOS. CEN-T-97-1, POT-T-97-1, TRO-T-97-1

On October 21, 1997, Century Telephone of Idaho, Inc., Potlatch Telephone Company and Troy Telephone Company (d.b.a. TDS Telecom) filed a Petition requesting four main items:

1.The Commission designate each of the above-captioned member RLECs as a "Rural Telephone Company" pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §153(37);

2.The Commission designate each of the above-captioned member RLECs as an "Eligible Telecommunications Carrier" (ETC) pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for the purposes of receiving all universal service supports, exemptions or other benefits that are or may be afforded to such ETCs;

3.That such ETC designation apply throughout the Petitioners' respective Idaho study areas which include the areas in the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as issued to such RLEC by this Commission; and

4.That the Commission suspend or waive any requirement that the RLECs provide "toll control."

The Petitioners also request that these items be processed under Modified Procedure pursuant to the Commission's Rules 201 through 210.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

In reviewing this Petition, Staff agrees that this is a matter which does not require formal hearings and should be handled under Modified Procedure with a 21-day comment period.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission agree?

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