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

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| IN THE MATTER OF MCI TELECOM­MUNI­CATIONS CORPORATION AND AT&T COMMUNICATIONS INC.’S  PETITION TO CERTIFY CERTAIN LECS AS TO COM­PLIANCE WITH FCC PAYPHONE ORDERS. | ))))))) | CASE NO. GNR-T-97-5NOTICE OF JOINT PETITIONNOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on April 11, 1997, a Petition was filed by MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) and AT&T Communications Inc. (AT&T) entitled Emergency Petition of MCI and AT&T to Certify Certain LECs as to Compliance with FCC Payphone Orders.  By their Joint Petition, MCI and AT&T ask the Commission to investigate the compliance of seventeen different local exchange companies (LECs) with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) orders regarding payphone reclassification.  The Petitioners contend that the relevant FCC orders require LECs with payphones to remove from intrastate operations their deregulated payphone investment and associated expenses and to make corresponding reductions in their intrastate revenue requirements and rates.  MCI and AT&T request that the Commission certify to the FCC and the other parties whether each of the seventeen LECs has complied with the FCC payphone orders.

Specifically, the Petitioners ask the Commission to:

1.Direct LECs subject to the FCC’s pay phone orders to file with the Commission a rate reduction proposal, supported by verifiable cost support, to remove the deregulated pay phone investment and associated expenses from their intrastate operations;

2.Certify to the FCC and the parties to this proceeding wether the individual LECs subject to the FCC pay phone orders are in compliance with the FCC pay phone requirements, including the removal of investment and expenses from all intrastate rates, including access charges;

3.Inform the FCC, based on a Commission’s review of pay phone requirements, which LECs are eligible to receive pay phone compensations; and,

4.Suspend or not approve the pending and any future basic pay phone service tariffs unless and until it is determined that all intrastate rates, including access charges, have been properly adjusted to reflect the elimination of pay phone investment and expenses.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the identified LECs have filed pay phone tariffs with the Commission pursuant to the FCC requirements and that the Commission has preliminarily approved the tariffs, subject to refund requirements in the event that further investigation by the Commission or its Staff determines that the rates do not fully satisfy the FCC requirements.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition together with supporting documents and exhibits, has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene a prehearing conference onFRIDAY, MAY 16, 1997, AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE WEST CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, JOE R. WILLIAMS OFFICE BUILDING, 700 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO,to discuss the issues raised by the Petition, arrange for the sharing of confidential information, and for any or all of the purposes identified in Commission Rule of Procedure 211, IDAPA 31.01.01.211.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 and Title 62 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61 or Title 62.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to Rules 72 and 73 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.  Persons desiring to present their views without parties’ rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or to other parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.  Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance of the kind that the Commission is obligated to provide under the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in or to understand the testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing.  The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

April 29, 1997