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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF STERLING INTERNATIONAL FUNDING, INC., DBA RECONEX, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF IDAHO. | )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. GNR-T-97-18  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF MODIFIED  PROCEDURE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 19, 1997, Sterling International Funding, Inc., dba Reconex, filed an Application with this Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange carrier telecommunications services within the state of Idaho.  Reconex is an alternative telephone company primarily furnishing prepaid local dial tone service to individuals who have had their telephone disconnected, have voluntarily left their local exchange provider or, for money management reasons, prefer to address their local calling needs in a prepaid fashion at a set fee which represents their bottom line cost.  Reconex is a non-facilities based reseller of incumbent local exchange carrier service.  Its local service package includes unlimited local calling, access to 911 emergency services and 1-800 toll free dialing.  Reconex’s custom calling package includes three-way calling, call waiting and caller ID.  Reconex owns no switches or transmission equipment.  The Company contracts with the incumbent local exchange carriers for local installation.

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 twenty-one (21) 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 November 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

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