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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE AS A COMPETITIVE LOCAL CARRIER | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. GNR-T-97-20  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF MODIFIED           PROCEDURE  ORDER NO. 27437 |

On November 4, 1997, the Commission received an Application fromCrystal Communications, Inc.for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold residential local exchange service as a competitive local carrier in Idaho.  On November 21, 1997, Staff informed Crystal that its Application did not meet the requirements established by the Commission in Order No. 26665.  On January 27, 1998, Crystal submitted a revised Application and filed its proposed initial tariff with the Commission for information purposes pursuant to Idaho Code § 62-606. At this time, Crystal states it intends to provide residential and business telecommunications services in those areas currently served by U S WEST Communications, Inc. and GTE Northwest Incorporated.  Revised Application at 2. No interconnection agreements in Idaho have been negotiated.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in this Application that Crystal Communications, Inc. requests the Commission issue it a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold local exchange service as a competitive local carrier pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.  Crystal provided information that appears to satisfy the requirements of Rule of Procedure 111, IDAPA 31.01.01.111, and Procedural Order No. 26665, issued November 7, 1996, which sets out the necessary information to be included with an Application for a Certificate submitted by a new local service provider in Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Crystal intends to provide competitive service to U S WEST Communications, Inc.’s and GTE Northwest Incorporated’sexisting service areas.

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

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and, therefore, 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 Applicants 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.

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

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that upon review of the filings in this case and determination of the Commission, that this Case No. GNR-T-97-20 shall be processed by Modified Procedure, Commission Rules of Procedure 201-204, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-04.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of March 1998.

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

                                                                                           RALPH NELSON, COMMISSIONER

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

April 1, 1998