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FROM:CHERI C. COPSEY

DATE:MARCH 27, 1998

RE:APPLICATION OF CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.  CASE NO. GNR-T-97-20.

On November 4, 1997, the Commission received an Application from Crystal 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. There were still some items missing from the revised Application.  Those have been corrected or are being corrected.  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.

Crystal is a Minnesota corporation qualified to do business in Idaho and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hickory Tech Corporation located in Minnesota.

Crystal proposes to interconnect with local exchange carriers to provide services through resale of the local exchange carrier services.  It states it currently has no facilities or property in Idaho.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

These matters do not require formal hearings and, therefore, Staff recommends that this Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be handled under Modified Procedure with a 21-day comment period.

Commission Decision

Does the Commission want to process this Application under Modified Procedure?

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