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DATE:APRIL 13, 1998

RE:APPLICATION OF ECLIPSE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.  CASE NO. GNR-T-97-24.

On December 18, 1997, the Commission received an Application fromEclipse Communications Corporationfor a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold residential local exchange service as a competitive local carrier in Idaho in U S WEST Communications, Inc.’s service territory. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 62-606, Order No. 26665 and for informational purposes, Eclipse provided the Commission a copy of its proposed initial tariff.  No interconnection agreements in Idaho have been negotiated.

Eclipse is a Delaware corporation qualified to do business in Idaho.  Eclipse is a wholly owned subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation, a Washington corporation.  Western Wireless Corporation is a provider of wireless telecommunications services in 22 states and is publically owned and traded on the NASDAQ.

Eclipse 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.  It proposes  to begin operations in the fourth quarter of 1998 or the first quarter of 1999 and provide such services as:

two-way lines/trunks

direct inward/outward dialing options

Basic business exchange services

local calling

operator assisted services

directory assistance

911 emergency services

dual party relay

other special needs services

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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