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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CTC TELECOM, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE AS A COMPETITIVE LOCAL CARRIERAND FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. GNR-T-98-4  NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENT  ORDER NO.27654 |

On April 21, 1998, the Commission received an Application from CTC Telecom, Inc.for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities based local exchange service and toll access telephone service as a competitive local exchange carrier to a new development called Hidden Springs to be located in Ada County near Boise, Idaho.

On July 21, 1998, Commission Staff filed a Discovery Motion requesting the Commission to reduce the time for response and objection to discovery from twenty-eight (28) days to answer to fourteen (14) days and from fourteen (14) days to object to seven (7) days and suggesting a schedule for the rest of the case as follows:

All discovery filed no later than Thursday, July 23, 1998

Objections to discovery filed no later than July 31, 1998

Answers filed no later than August 6, 1998

Staff comments filed no later than August 11, 1998

Likewise, both Staff and CTC filed Comments on July 21, 1998.

In its Comments, with respect to the general request for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Staff stated four options for the Commission:  grant the Application with conditions designed to promote competition in Hidden Springs for Hidden Springs customers, petition the FCC to have it treat CTC as an ILEC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251(h)(2), grant the Application without conditions or grant the Staff’s Discovery Motion in order to have a more fully developed evidentiary record on whether this Application promotes competition or creates a non-price regulated monopoly.  The Commission Staff also recommended the Commission defer any decision on the ETC status or the certification of CTC as rural and to make any Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity conditional on the provision of certain information.

CTC requested the Commission grant its Application unconditionally.

At the decision meeting on July 22, 1998, the Commission determined oral argument should be held on Friday, July 24, 1998.  The Commission hereby sets oral argument and hearing to consider this Joint Motion for July 24, 1998.

NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to Rule 254, the Commission will hear oral argument on Staff’s Discovery Motion and on the merits of CTC’s Application.  Oral argument will be held on FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1998, AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE OFFICES OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.

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 the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 61 of the Idaho Code.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that oral argument be held on July 24, 1998, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission offices.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission AT Boise, Idaho this                  day of July 1998.

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

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ATTEST:

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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