DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO:COMMISSIONER HANSEN

COMMISSIONER NELSON

COMMISSIONER SMITH

MYRNA WALTERS

TONYA CLARK

STEPHANIE MILLER

DAVE SCHUNKE

JOE CUSICK

WAYNE HART

DON HOWELL

BEV BARKER

DAVID SCOTT

WORKING FILE

FROM:CHERI C. COPSEY

DATE:MAY 29, 1998

RE:APPLICATION OF CTC TELECOM, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER.  CASE NO. GNR-T-98-4.

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 LEC to a new development called Hidden Springs to be located in Ada County near Boise, Idaho.  The incumbent LEC is U S WEST Communications, Inc.  CTC also requested it be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

CTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cambridge Telephone Company and Cambridge will provide the initial capital required by CTC.  Hidden Springs is a planned development of approximately 900 residences and light commercial businesses to be located north of Boise near Idaho State Highway 55.  CTC has a contract to provide the telecommunications, cable television, high speed data transfer capabilities and other services to the community and its residences.

CTC intends to provide basic local exchange service, extended area service to U S WEST’s Boise calling area, touch-tone service, high speed data services, access to toll services, access to emergency services (911), and Lifeline and Link-up services for low income residents.  CTC states it will construct the telephone plant in accordance with standards established by the federal Rural Utilities Services (formerly the REA).

On May 26, 1998, CTC filed its price list with the Commission for information purposes pursuant to Idaho Code § 62-606.

No interconnection agreements have been filed with the Commission.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

These matters do not require formal hearings and, therefore, Staff recommends that this Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and designation for status as an eligible telecommunications carrier under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 be handled under Modified Procedure with a 21 day comment period.

Commission Decision

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

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cheri C. Copsey

M:gnrt984.cc