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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  STAFF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME |

COMES  NOW  the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of record, Cheri C. Copsey, Deputy Attorney General, in response to Order No. 27548, the Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure in Case No. GNR-T-98-4, issued June 3, 1998, moves for a fourteen (14) day extension of time within which to file comments.  Comments were orginally due June 24, 1998.  Pursuant to Idaho Public Utilities Commission Rule 256, all parties received actual telephonic notice and will be served with a copy of this Motion.

MEMORANDUM

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.  The incumbent local exchange carrier 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. On May 26, 1998, CTC filed its price list with the Commission for information purposes pursuant to Idaho Code § 62-606. No interconnection agreements in Idaho have been negotiated.

CTC was issued a Certificate of Incorporation on February 17, 1998, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cambridge Telephone Company.  CTC states that its parent company, Cambridge, will provide the initial capital required by CTC.  No information concerning how this transaction is to be treated by Cambridge or its effect on Cambridge’s revenue requirement was  provided.  No information concerning any underlying security between the companies was provided.

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.  A copy of that contract was not provided.

CTC states it 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).

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On June 3, 1998, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and requested comments be filed in accordance with the Commission’s Modified Procedure.  Order No. 27548.

Because CTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary and Cambridge, a fully regulated Title 61 telephone company, is providing all the capital, Staff is concerned about how these transactions may impact existing Cambridge customers.   Therefore, Staff requested some additional information and assurances concerning the way Cambridge treats this transaction.  That information should be forthcoming.  Until Staff receives that information, Staff reserves its recommendation.  Therefore, Staff respectfully requests an additional fourteen (14) days within which to file its comments and make a recommendation.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this                   day of June 1998.

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