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FROM:BRAD PURDY

DATE:OCTOBER 14, 1998

RE:CASE NOS. GNR-T-98-13, GNR-T-98-14, AND GNR-T-98-15;

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Applications have been filed by Level 3 Communications (Level 3), CCCID dba Connect! (Connect!) and Advanced Telecom Group, Inc. (ATGI) in Case Nos. GNR-T-98-13, GNR-T-98-14, and GNR-T-98-15, respectively.  Level 3 seeks authority to provide all forms of facilities-based and resold local exchange services within Idaho and to provide switched access service to interexchange carriers for intrastate and interstate service.  In its application, CCCID states that it intends to provide local service throughout U S WEST’s and GTE’s service territories.  In a subsequent conversation with Staff, however, the Company states that, initially, it intends to provide service only to two predetermined businesses in Idaho.  On request, the Company will provide residential service to the executives of those businesses.  CCCID leaves open the possibility that it might eventually provide telecommunications services to others.   ATGI plans to provide a full range of telecommunications services, primarily using its own facilities, to both residential and business customers.

The three applications appear relatively routine and Staff recommends that, pursuant to usual Commission practice, notices of Modified Procedure soliciting comments in each case be issued.

COMMISSION DECISION:

Does the Commission wish to handle these cases under Modified Procedure?

Brad M. Purdy

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