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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ONE EIGHTY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A CERTIFI­CATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES. | )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO.  GNR-T-98-16  ORDER NO.  27806 |

On October 15, 1998, an Application was filed by One Eighty Communications, Inc. (One Eighty) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide basic local telephone service in the state of Idaho.  The Application states that One Eighty is a communications company offering local and intraLATA telephone service, video conferencing, data and Internet access services to business customers in the Pacific Northwest.  One Eighty intends to provide facilities-based services to residential and business customers throughout the areas of the state currently served by U S WEST Communications, Inc. One Eighty currently has pending before the Commission an Application for approval of an interconnection agreement with U S WEST Case No. USW-T-98-19.

On October 21, 1998, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure. Written comments were filed only by  the Commission Staff.  Staff reviewed the Application submitted by One Eighty and determined that One Eighty has complied with the Commission’s rules and procedural requirements for issuance of a Certificate.  Staff noted that One Eighty is a newly formed corporation with financial backing in the form of a line of credit at a local bank.  Staff asked for a $100,000 performance bond by One Eighty, and One Eighty has obtained and provided evidence of receipt of a $100,000 bond.  Staff otherwise noted that One Eighty has complied with the Commission’s requirements to receive a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide services in the areas served by U S WEST. Staff recommended approval of One Eighty’s Application.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on our review of the record, including the filed written comments and Staff’s recommendation, we find that the Application of One Eighty Communications Services, Inc., complies with Procedural Order No. 26665 and the Commission’s Rules to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.  We therefore approve One Eighty’s Application for a Certificate to provide local exchange service in the areas served by U S WEST.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that One Eighty Communications Services, Inc. is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local telecommunications service in those areas of the state served by U S WEST.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.  Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order.  Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration.  See Idaho Code § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of November 1998.

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

November 20, 1998