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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS PLAN FOR IMPLEMEN­TATION OF INTRASTATE, INTRALATA DIALING PARITY. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. INL-T-99-1  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE  ORDER NO. 27990 |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 18, 1999, Inland Telephone Company filed an Application for approval of an intrastate, intraLATA toll dialing parity plan.  Inland provides local telephone exchange service to approximately 325 customers in the Lenore and Leon exchanges in north Idaho.  Inland serves approximately 2,300 access lines in the state of Washington and filed its dialing parity plan with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.  The Washington Commission approved Inland’s plan by Order issued January 27, 1999.  Pursuant to the Washington Commission’s Order, Inland will implement toll dialing parity in its Washington exchanges by May 31, 1999, and by its Petition requests approval of its plan so that toll dialing parity can be implemented in its Idaho exchanges by the same date.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that toll dialing parity, also referred to as 1plus equal access or carrier presubscription, allows a customer to pre-select a carrier for intrastate, intraLATA toll calls and then access his chosen carrier simply by dialing 1 plus the telephone number.  Without dialing parity, a customer wishing to use a specific toll carrier may be required to dial a series of numbers before dialing the telephone number.  Currently, intrastate, intraLATA toll traffic for Inland’s customers is carried by U S WEST Communications, unless a customer dials around to reach a different toll carrier.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through -.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Notice.  The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment.  Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments.  Written comments concerning this application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing.  If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application together with supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits, have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, upon review of the filings in this case and the determination of the Commission, that the Application of Inland Telephone Company for approval of its dialing parity plan be processed by Modified Procedure, Commission Rules of Procedure 201-204; IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of April 1999.

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

                                                                                           MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

April 7, 1999