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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY LP  FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVEN­IENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE AS A COMPETITIVE LOCAL CARRIER. | )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO.  SPR-T-97-2  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF MODIFIED           PROCEDURE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on April 25, 1997, the Commission received an Application from Sprint Communications Company LP (Sprint) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Certificate) to provide local exchange service as a competitive local carrier. Currently, Sprint is authorized to provide telecommunication services pursuant to Title 62 of the Idaho Code. The Application indicates that Sprint is seeking to obtain a Certificate to provide Title 61 regulated telecommunications services, including basic local exchange service. The Application states that Sprint plans to provide residential and business services and other services to all classes of customers in Idaho throughout the service areas of U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) and GTE Northwest Incorporated (GTE).  Sprint has provided information that appears to satisfy the requirements of Rule of Procedure 111, IDAPA 31.01.01.111, and Procedural Order No. 26665 issued November 7, 1996, which sets out the necessary information to be included with an Application for a Certificate submitted by a new local service provider in Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. SPR-T-97-2.  The Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider issues presented and issues raised by the Application may be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing.  Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

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.

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.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of May 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Office of the Secretary

Service Date

May 13, 1997