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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF U.S. LONG DISTANCE, INC. FOR A CERTIFI­CATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE WITHIN IDAHO. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO.  USD-T-97-1  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF MODIFIED           PROCEDURE  ORDER NO.  27147 |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 26, 1997, the Commission received an Application from U.S. Long Distance, Inc. (USLD) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunication services within Idaho.  USLD’s Application states that it currently provides interexchange telecommunications services to customers in Idaho and that it desires to provide local exchange services through the resale of services provided by incumbent local exchange carriers.  With its Application, USLD has provided or has indicated it will provide information to satisfy the requirements of the Commission’s 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.

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 reviewed the filings of record in Case No. USD-T-97-1.  The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that the 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 Commission may not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the deadline, the Commission will consider the matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing.  If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its Order on the basis of the written positions before it.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. USD-T-97-1 should be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

COMMISSION SECRETARYKENNETH F.  MELLEY, JR.

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONVICE PRESIDENT OF REG AFFAIRS

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

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application in Case No. USD-T-97-1 can be reviewed at the Commission’s office and U.S. Long Distance, Inc. during regular business hours.

O R D E R

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED, upon review of the filings in this case and the determination of the Commission, that the Application of U.S. Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange services be processed by Modified Procedure, Commission Rules of Procedure 201-204; IDAPA 31.01.01.201-04.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of September 1997.

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

                                                                                           RALPH NELSON, COMMISSIONER

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Office of the Secretary

Service Date

September 19, 1997