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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF U.S. TELECOM, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE AS A COMPETITIVE LOCAL CARRIER AND FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. UST-T-98-1  ORDER NO. 27448 |

On January 7, 1998, the Commission received an Application from U.S. Telco, Inc.for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold residential local exchange service as a competitive local carrier in those areas currently served by U S WEST Communications, Inc., GTE Northwest Incorporated and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Idaho.  On March 12, 1998, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure.  Order No. 27403. Comments were due April 2, 1998. On March 30, 1998, Telco moved to withdraw its Application.

F I N D I N G S

The Commission finds it is in the public interest to grant Telco’s Motion to Withdraw its Application and close this proceeding.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Telco’s Motion to Withdraw its Application is hereby granted and this proceeding is closed without prejudice.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.  Any person interested in this Order (or in issues finally decided by this Order) or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. UST-T-98-1 may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. UST-T-98-1.  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 April 1998.

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

April 10, 1998