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FROM:WELDON STUTZMAN

DATE:NOVEMBER 24, 1998

RE:CASE NO. ALB-T-98-3; APPLICATION OF ALBION TELEPHONE COMPANY AND Westel, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF MERGER OF THE COMPANIES

On November 13, 1998, an Application was filed by Albion Telephone Company and Westel, Inc. requesting an Order from the Commission authorizing the merger of the two companies.  Albion would be the surviving corporation.  Westel currently is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Albion.  The Application alleges that  a merger would provide a number of cost saving advantages to the Companies.

Staff recommends processing the Application of Albion and Westel by Modified Procedure.

Commission Decision

Should the Application of Albion and Westel be processed by Modified Procedure?

Weldon Stutzman

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