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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE  PETITION OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN STATES, INC. FOR INTRALATA EQUAL ACCESS AND CARRIER PRESUB-SCRIPTION IN THE SERVING TERRITORY OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. GNR-T-94-5  NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ORAL ARGUMENT  ORDER NO. 27898 |

On October 9, 1998, the Commission issued an Order in this case to establish a briefing schedule and an oral argument on a motion filed by MCI Telecommunications Corporation.  MCI’s Motion asked the Commission to issue a declaratory ruling requiring U S WEST Communications, Inc. to implement intrastate, intraLATA toll dialing parity within its Idaho service area.  On December 23, 1998, the Commission issued Order No. 27837 requiring U S WEST to file on or before June 1, 1999, a plan to implement intraLATA dialing parity in its service area.  MCI filed a Petition to Review or Clarify Order No. 27837 on January 12, 1999, which included a request for oral argument on the Petition.  Responsive statements or briefs were filed by AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc., Sprint Communications Company, LP, and U S WEST.

The Commission has determined to hear oral argument on MCI’s Petition on Wednesday, February 17, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.  In addition, the Commission is aware that the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Utilities Board (97-826) on January 25, 1999.  Because the decision in the Iowa Utilities Board case may affect the authority of state commissions regarding intraLATA toll dialing parity, the parties will be given an opportunity to address this issue during the oral argument hearing.

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene a hearing for the purpose of oral argument on MCI’s Petition on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1999, AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION’S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.  During oral argument the parties may address the effect, if any, of the decision in AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Utilities Board on the authority of the Commission to require intraLATA toll dialing parity in U S WEST’s service territory.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission shall hear MCI’s Petition and the parties’ arguments pursuant to the schedule set forth above.

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

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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