#  BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Office of the Secretary

Service Date

April 23, 1999

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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 PRESUBSCRIPTION IN THE SERVING TERRITORY OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.** | **)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)** | **CASE NO. GNR-T-94-5****NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF TOLL DIALING PARITY IMPLEMEN­TATION PLAN****NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE****NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE****ORDER NO. 28027** |

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFED that on April 22, 1999, U S WEST Communications, Inc. filed an Application for approval of an intrastate, intraLATA toll dialing parity plan. U S WEST provides local telephone exchange service to approximately 450,000 customers in the south Idaho LATA and 35,000 customers in the north Idaho LATA. U S WEST’s “Idaho IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Implementation Plan” includes exhibits showing the form of notification given to carriers, a proposed form of customer notification and tariff and catalog provisions reflecting charges associated with the proposed change.

 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that toll dialing parity, also referred to as 1 plus equal access or carrier presubscription, allows a customer to pre-select a carrier for intrastate, intraLATA toll calls and then access his chosen carrier simply by dialing 1 plus the telephone number. Without dialing parity, a customer wishing to use a specific toll carrier may be required to dial a series of numbers before dialing the telephone number. Currently, intrastate, intraLATA toll traffic is carried by U S WEST, unless a customer dials around to reach a different toll carrier.

**NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**

 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission is required to consider U S WEST’s toll dialing implementation plan on a very concise schedule. An order of the Federal Communications Commission issued March 23, 1999 in FCC Docket No. 96-98 requires Local Exchange Carriers (LECs) to file their dialing parity plans with state commissions by April 22, 1999 and allows the state commissions only until June 22, 1999 to consider and approve the filed plans. Accordingly, the Commission has determined to proceed in this matter by Modified Procedure. See IDAPA 31.01.01.201-04.

 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-five (25) 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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All 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.

### NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined to schedule a settlement conference to provide the parties an opportunity to resolve issues, if any, identified in filed written comments. **The settlement conference will convene FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1999 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSION’S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON, BOISE, IDAHO**.

 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Commission Rule of Procedure 273, the Commission may participate in the settlement conference to “indicate acceptable ranges of settlement, preclude certain issues from settlement, or otherwise inform the parties of . . .their views on settlement in aid of securing a just, speedy and economical determination of the issues presented to the Commission.” IDAPA 31.01.01.273.

**O R D E R**

 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, upon review of the filings in this case and the determination of the Commission, that the Application of U S WEST for approval of its intraLATA toll dialing parity implementation plan be processed by Modified Procedure pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure 201-204. IDAPA 31.01.01.201-04.

 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a settlement conference shall convene Friday, May 28, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission’s Hearing Room, 472 West Washington, Boise, Idaho, for the purpose of resolving any issues identified by the parties in filed written comments.

 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in the event discovery requests are served in this case on any party, that the response time shall be shortened to fourteen (14) days in order to complete the discovery within the time permitted in this expedited schedule. All discovery must be completed prior to the settlement conference.

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

 DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

 MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

 PAUL KJELLANDER, COMMISSIONER

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