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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITIONS FOR EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS) BETWEEN RICHFIELD AND THE MAGIC VALLEY EAS REGION. | )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. GNR-T-97-4  ORDER NO.  27436 |

In an Amended Notice of Hearing issued on January 21, 1998, the Commission scheduled both technical and public hearings in this case for April 2, 1998.  On March 24, 1998, U S WEST filed a Motion to Vacate the Hearing and Postpone Rescheduling.  In its Motion, U S WEST asserted that a Motion for Hearing U S WEST filed in Case Nos. GNR-T-96-6, GNR-T-97-3, and GNR-T-97-8, was currently pending before the Commission, and that resolution of that Motion would impact the processing of this Case No. GNR-T-97-4.  U S WEST therefore requested that the Commission issue an Order vacating the public and technical hearings in this case and postponing the time for scheduling new hearings until the Commission enters an Order on U S WEST’s Motion for Hearing in Case Nos. GNR-T-96-6, GNR-T-97-3, and GNR-T-97-8.

Having reviewed U S WEST’s Motion, the Commission has determined that the most efficient use of the parties’ and the Commission’s time will be made by granting U S WEST’s Motion.  The Commission will require time to review U S WEST’s Motion for Hearing in the other EAS cases, and the resolution of that Motion may have an effect on the further processing of this case.  The Commission therefore vacates the hearings set for April 2, 1998, and will reschedule hearings in the near future.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the technical hearing and public hearings scheduled for this case for April 2, 1998, are hereby vacated.  The Commission shall reschedule the hearings after reviewing U S WEST’s Motion for Hearing in Case Nos. GNR-T-96-6, GNR-T-97-3, and GNR-T-97-8, to determine the most efficient schedule for completing the hearings in this case.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of March 1998.

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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