BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GTE NORTHWEST, INCORPORATED TO EXTEND ITS LOCAL CALLING PLAN (LCP) FOR THE PROVISION OF TOLL FREE EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS) TO ITS EXCHANGES IN IDAHO. | )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. GTE-T-95-3  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 30, 1995, the Commission received an Application from GTE Northwest, Incorporated (GTE) to extend Local Calling Plan (LCP) service to its telephone exchanges in northern Idaho.  LCP provides optional rate structures that allow customers to utilize toll free extended area service to certain nearby communities.  GTE implemented LCP following the Commission’s Order No. 24877 issued in consolidated Case Nos. GTE-T-90-1, GTE-T-92-2, GTE-T-92-3 and GTE-T-92-4.  The Order required GTE to implement by December 1993 a version of its proposed Local Calling Plan in eleven exchanges in Kootenai and Bonner Counties.  LCP converted all toll routes of 23 or fewer miles into local routes and customers were given four rate options with varying degrees of flat rate service.  In its Application, GTE proposes to expand LCP to its remaining exchanges in northern Idaho, although the rate structure GTE proposes in its Application is not identical to the LCP rates in the exchanges where already implemented.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission may consider implementing LCP in GTE’s northern Idaho telephone exchanges on terms or at rates different from those proposed by GTE in its Application.  For example, the Commission may consider whether exceptions should be made to the 23-mile limit for specific communities, and whether GTE’s proposal to alter the balance between residence and business rates is appropriate in this proceeding.  Depending on the comments received, the Commission may make these or other changes to GTE’s implementation of LCP.  A chart showing the rates and calling areas proposed by GTE is attached as Exhibit No. 1.

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 31.01.01201 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 thirty (30) 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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These 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application together with supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits, have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01000 et seq.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of  December 1995.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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