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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GTE NORTHWEST INCORPORATED TARIFF ADVICE NO. 96-09 TO ADD RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INTRALATA EQUAL ACCESS | )))))))) | CASE NO. GTE-T-96-1NOTICE OF TARIFFADVICE NO. 96-09NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on May 22, 1996, GTE Northwest Incorporated filed Tariff Advice No. 96-09 to provide rates, terms and conditions for implementation of intraLATA equal access for its northern Idaho service area.  Currently, a GTE customer making an intraLATA long-distance call may dial 1+ the number, in which case GTE is the toll call carrier.  A customer can access a different intraLATA toll carrier only by dialing 1+ several other numbers in addition to the telephone number.  IntraLATA equal access would bring dialing parity to GTE’s customers, permitting a customer to use a preselected toll call carrier by dialing only 1+ the telephone number.   GTE’s filing follows the enactment of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, which requires dialing parity by local exchange carriers.

  YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Tariff Advice includes new rate elements for an intraLATA equal access recovery charge (EARC), interLATA primary exchange carrier (PIC) charge, intraLATA primary interexchange carrier (IPIC) charge and unauthorized PIC and IPIC charges.  GTE plans to begin conversion of its offices in Idaho to allow intraLATA access on September 10 and plans to finish the conversion by year end 1996.  GTE proposes an effective date for the tariff of June 24, 1996.  The Commission issued Order No. 26459 suspending the proposed effective date of June 24, 1996.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Tariff Advice No. 96-09 includes an “Equal Access Recovery Charge” (EARC) in anticipation of the implementation of intraLATA and interLATA equal access.  GTE plans to begin conversion of its technically capable offices on September 10 and to finish converting all its Idaho central offices by year end 1996.  GTE proposes to assess $.0015208 per originating access minute over three years to recover its implementation costs, with a true-up at the beginning of the third year to modify the assessment if necessary to ensure complete recovery within the three-year period.

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. Interested parties that desire a hearing on GTE’s Tariff Advice should so notify the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Notice, including a statement of reasons for requesting a hearing.

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 forty-five (45) 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 31.01.01.000 et seq.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of  June 1996.

                                                                                 RALPH NELSON, PRESIDENT

                                                                                 MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

June 11, 1996