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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL CALLING PLANS IN CERTAIN CALLING AREAS OF GTE NORTHWEST INCORPORATED IN IDAHO. | ))))))) | CASE NO. GTE-T-97-2NOTICE OF APPLICATIONNOTICE OF MODIFIED          PROCEDURE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 22, 1996, the Commission issued Order No. 26330 in Case No. GTE-T-95-3 approving the implementation of local calling plans (LCP) in 34 of GTE Northwest Incorporated’s local telephone exchanges in northern Idaho.  LCP provides customers with options for their local calling area size and corresponding rate.  The Commission in Order No. 26330 directed GTE to consider additional routes for LCP in some of its exchanges.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that GTE has proposed to implement LCP in four additional routes.  The proposed routes and rates are as follows:

1.Bonners Ferry-Sandpoint.  Each is added to the other’s Community Plus Option.  In Bonners Ferry the Community Plus Option is added and costs $15.25 for residence and $36.00 for business.  In Sandpoint, the existing Community Plus Option now costs $16.20 ($.95 more) for residence and $38.30 ($2.30 more) for business.

2.Kellogg/Pinehurst-Coeur d’Alene.  In Kellogg, Coeur d’Alene is added to the Community Plus Option for $16.20 (an additional $3.45) for residence and $38.30 (an additional $11.30) for business.  In Coeur d’Alene, Kellogg is added to the Premium Option with no change in existing rates of $25.82 for residence and $61.28 for business.

3.Bayview-Post Falls.  Each is added to the other’s Premium Option with no change in rates from the existing $25.82 for residence and $61.28 for business.

4.Kellogg/Pinehurst-Harrison.  Each is added to the other’s Premium Option.  For Harrison this requires no change in rates from the existing $25.82 for residence and $61.28 for business.  For Kellogg, the Premium Option is added for $25.82 (an additional $9.62) for residence and $61.28 (an additional $22.98) for business.

Staff recommends adjusting the proposed LCP by adding the Harrison route to the Community Plus Option for the Kellogg-Pinehurst exchange, at the already proposed rate of $16.20 per month for residences and $38.30 per month for businesses.

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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. GTE-T-97-2.  The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that the issues raised by the Application may be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing.  Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission may not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

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-one (21) 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the deadline, the Commission will consider the matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing.  If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its Order on the basis of the written positions before it.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. GTE-T-97-2 should be mailed to the Commission and the Company 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 the Application in Case No. GTE-T-97-2 can be reviewed at the Commission’s office and at the Idaho offices of GTE Northwest, Inc. during regular business hours.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of January 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

January 29, 1997