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| IN THE MATTER OF A RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY EXEMPTION FOR GTE NORTHWEST INCORPORATED’S IDAHO OPERATIONS | )))))) | CASE NO. GTE-T-97-4NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENT           AMENDEDNOTICE OF HEARING |

On February 21, 1997, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing scheduling hearing in this case for April 8, 1997.  On March 14, 1997, a Joint Motion for Declaratory Order was filed by AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc.  (AT&T) and the Commission Staff.  A Memorandum in Support of the Motion was filed by AT&T on March 18, 1997.  Petitions to intervene have also been filed in this case by the Idaho Telephone Association, Citizens Telecommunications Company, Century Telephone of Idaho, Inc. and TDS Telecom, and MCI Telecommunications Corporation, which have all been granted by the Commission.  U S WEST Communications, Inc. has filed a Motion for permission to file late Petition to Intervene.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will receive oral argument on the Joint Motion for Declaratory Order on FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1997, COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE HEARING ROOM OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, 472 WEST WASHINGTON, BOISE, IDAHO.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the hearing previously scheduled for April 8, 1997, has been rescheduled to Friday, April 11, 1997, and will commence following completion of the oral argument.  The hearing will be conducted in the hearing room of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington, Boise, Idaho.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this day of March 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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