BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GTE NORTHWEST INCORPORATED TO REDUCE ITS ACCESS CHARGES AND REBALANCE LOCAL RATES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES. | )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. GTE-T-98-2  ORDER NO. 27651 |

On July 20, 1998, AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. petitioned to intervene in this case after the deadline for petitioning to intervene established in Order No. 27618 issued July 7, 1998.  As set out in that Order, the deadline for intervention was July 16, 1998.  Our Staff has indicated that AT&T is the only person to petition for intervention and that GTE does not oppose the intervention.

FINDINGS OF FACT

We find that AT&T’s Petition to Intervene is untimely.  Based upon the above representations, we find that no party opposes this Petition to Intervene.

We further find that based on the pleadings and other documents filed in this case, intervention by this party would serve the purposes of intervention as described by Rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure.  IDAPA 31.01.01.074.  We also find that granting this late intervention will not prejudice any party and that late intervention should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the untimely Petition to Intervene filed by AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties in this proceeding serve all papers hereafter filed in this matter on all parties of record.  This Intervenor is represented by the following for purposes of service:

Maria Arias-Chapleau

Margaret Beth Graham

AT&T Communications of the

      Mountain States

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission Secretary issue a Notice of Parties in this case.

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

                                                               DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

                                                               RALPH NELSON, COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

MYRNA J. WALTERS

COMMISSION SECRETARY

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