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

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| IN THE MATTER OF GTE NORTHWEST INCORPORATED’S TARIFF ADVICE NO. 98-10 TO PROVIDE TWO NEW EAS ROUTES FOR THE TENSED/BLUEBELL AND EVERGREEN EXCHANGES. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO.  GTE-T-98-3  NOTICE OF TARIFF FILING  NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE  ORDER NO.  27593 |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on April 28, 1998, GTE Northwest Incorporated (GTE) filed Tariff Advice 98-10 requesting approval to provide two-way extended area service (EAS) routes from the Evergreen exchange (Farmington, Idaho) and the Tensed/Bluebell exchange (Tensed, Idaho) into the towns of Potlatch, Plummer/Worley, and St. Maries.  Both exchanges are in the Spokane LATA, although the towns of Tensed and Farmington are located on the Idaho side of the Idaho-Washington border.  The current local calling plan for these Idaho communities is primarily into the state of Washington.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that on July 24, 1996, the Commission received a petition containing 116 signatures from customers of the Bluebell/Tensed exchange.  The customers in the Bluebell/Tensed and Evergreen exchanges requested a local calling area that included other Idaho communities.  GTE filed this Tariff Advice after working with Staff to attempt to resolve the request by customers for increased calling areas in Idaho.  GTE proposes an effective date of August 24, 1998 for the new calling areas and rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that GTE proposes to add three additional calling areas as requested by customers in the Tensed and Farmington communities.  GTE also proposes new rates for the calling plans to achieve revenue neutrality. The proposed rate increases are for unlimited usage and apply to GTE’s Community Plus Calling Plan.  Customers will see the EAS adder for the increased calling areas only if they choose the Community Plus Calling Plan.   The new rates and calling areas are set forth in Exhibit A attached to this Notice.

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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Tariff Advice 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.  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.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, upon review of the filings in this case and the determination of the Commission, that the Application of GTE for approval of Tariff Advice 98-10 be processed by Modified Procedure pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure 201-204.  IDAPA 31.01.01.201-04.

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

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

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Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

June 18, 1998