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**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
QWEST CORPORATION FOR PRICE  
DEREGULATION OF BASIC LOCAL  
EXCHANGE RATES IN ITS BOISE, NAMPA,  
CALDWELL, MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS,  
IDAHO FALLS, AND POCATELLO  
EXCHANGES**

**Case. No. QWE-T-02-05**

**QWEST CORPORATION'S REQUEST FOR  
ORAL ARGUMENT ON STAFF'S PETITION  
FOR A DECLARATORY RULING**

Qwest Corporation, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby respectfully requests oral argument before the Commission on Staff's *Petition for a Declaratory Ruling* on May 22, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. as suggested in Staff's petition at page ten. Staff's stated purpose for bringing its petition is "so that all parties will have the same understanding of the legal standards applicable to a case filed under Section 62-622(3)." Petition at 1. Staff further contends that as a result, "the evidentiary hearing will be much more efficient and useful, focusing on relevant facts rather than on witness statements of the legal analysis of Section 62-622(3)." *Id.* at 2

Based on these representations as to the purpose of Staff's petition and its relationship to the hearing in this case, Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission hear argument on May 22, 2003, and render its decision as expeditiously as possible thereafter to allow the parties the opportunity to prepare for the hearing scheduled to commence June 4, 2003

Respectfully submitted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2003.

**Qwest Corporation**



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2003, I served QWEST CORPORATION'S  
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