

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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FROM: DON HOWELL

DATE: MAY 7, 2003

RE: QWEST AND STAFF'S STIPULATION TO EXTEND THE COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE BOISE AND POCATELLO PAYMENT CENTERS, CASE NO. QWE-T-03-10

On April 9, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 29218 directing that interested persons submit comments in response to Qwest's Application to close its Boise and Pocatello customer payment centers (CPCs). Comments were due no later than May 7, 2003.

On May 5, 2003, the Commission Staff and Qwest entered into a Stipulation calling for an extension of the comment deadline. More specifically, the parties recommend that the comment period should be extended to May 16, 2003. The parties assert that the only comments filed thus far relate to the closure of the Pocatello CPC. The parties maintain that it would be "beneficial to permit a modest amount of additional time for members of the public to provide written comment should they be interested in doing so." Stipulation at 2.

Commission Decision

Given the Stipulation between the Staff and the Company, does the Commission desire to extend the comment period in this matter to May 16, 2003?



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