

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF QWEST)	
CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF ELECTION)	CASE NO. QWE-T-05-12
FOR ITS NORTHERN IDAHO OPERATIONS)	
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IN THE MATTER OF QWEST)	
CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF ELECTION)	CASE NO. QWE-T-05-13
FOR ITS SOUTHERN IDAHO OPERATIONS)	
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)	NOTICE OF ELECTION BY
)	QWEST CORPORATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 1, 2005, Qwest Corporation filed a Notice of Election for its northern Idaho operations and a Notice of Election for its southern Idaho operations, notifying the Commission that Qwest makes the election authorized by *Idaho Code* § 62-605 to remove its telecommunications services from price regulation by the Commission. The notice for northern Idaho was assigned Case No. QWE-T-05-12; the notice for southern Idaho was assigned Case No. QWE-T-05-13. *Idaho Code* § 62-605, first enacted as part of the Idaho Telecommunications Act of 1988, enabled a telephone corporation to elect to remove its retail services, other than basic local exchange service, from regulation under Title 61, Idaho Code. Services removed from Title 61 regulation were subject to limited regulation under Title 62, Idaho Code, which regulation did not include price regulation. The 2005 Session of the Idaho Legislature amended *Idaho Code* § 62-605 to allow a telephone corporation to elect to remove all of its services, including basic local exchange service, from price regulation by the Commission.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Qwest had not previously removed its services in northern Idaho from regulation under Title 61, Idaho Code, pursuant to the Idaho Telecommunications Act of 1988. Accordingly, all of Qwest's services in northern Idaho have been provided pursuant to Commission approved tariffs. For its southern Idaho service area, however, Qwest (or its predecessor company) elected in March 1989 to remove all services except basic local exchange service from regulation under Title 61. Accordingly, since March 1989, Qwest's retail services in southern Idaho, except basic local exchange service, have not been subject to price regulation by the Commission.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the new amendments to *Idaho Code* § 62-605 became effective July 1, 2005. Under the terms of the amended statute, the notices filed by Qwest on July 1, 2005, are effective to remove all of its services from price regulation by the Commission as of August 1, 2005. The Commission retains authority under Title 62 to determine non-economic regulatory requirements relating to basic local exchange service, "including, but not limited to, such matters as service quality standards, provision of access to carriers providing message telecommunication service, filing of price lists, customer notice and customer relation rules, and billing practices and procedures." *Idaho Code* § 62-605(5)(b).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Qwest provided a complete set of price lists for both its northern Idaho and southern Idaho services to become effective August 1, 2005. Qwest's notification in each case states that all of its services identified in the new price lists are offered at prices identical to those contained in Qwest's previously effective tariffs. Pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 62-606, changes to Qwest's new price lists after August 1, 2005 will become effective "not less than ten (10) days after filing with the Commission, and giving public notice to affected customers."

DATED at Boise, Idaho this 14th day of July 2005.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

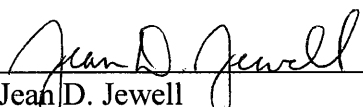


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Commission Secretary

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