July 27, 1998

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Myrna J.  Walters

Commission Secretary

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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Boise, ID 83720-0074

RE: Participation in Case No.  USW-S-96-5

Dear Mrs.  Walters:

In Order No. 27659 issued July 27, 1998, the Commission granted U S WEST limited rehearing in the above referenced case.  More specifically, the Commission limited reconsideration to its decision regarding the “claw-back” of toll restriction service pursuant to Idaho Code § 62-605(5).  That Order also set out a rehearing schedule.

Order No. 27659 required that those parties desiring to participate in the rehearing notify you of their intent to participate.  This letter serves as the Commission Staff’s notice that it intends to participate in the rehearing.  Please add the Staff to your Notice of Parties on Rehearing.

Sincerely yours,

Donald L. Howell, II

Deputy Attorney General

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cc:Wayne Hart

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