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RE:CASE NO. TLI-T-97-2

APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN

U S WEST AND TEL-LINK, LLC.

On October 24, 1997, U S WEST filed an Application for approval of an interconnection agreement with Tel-Link, LLC.  The agreement was arrived at through voluntary negotiations by the parties and was submitted for approval by the Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.  The agreement provides for Tel-Link to enter the local exchange market in Idaho through the resale of U S WEST’s services.

On October 31, 1997, the Commission issued a Notice of Petition and Notice of Modified Procedure to process the Application.  Comments were filed during the comment period only by the Commission Staff.  Staff noted that the agreement is the same as the standard resale agreement offered by U S WEST to companies seeking to provide competitve local exchange service.  Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Commission Decision:

Should the interconnection agreement between U S WEST and Tel-Link be approved?

Weldon Stutzman

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