BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPROVING OR REPLACING U S WEST COMMUNICATION’S REVENUE SHARING PLAN FOR SOUTHERN IDAHO. | )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. USW-S-95-4  NOTICE OF PREHEARING          CONFERENCE  ORDER NO.  26218 |

Following a review of the first five years of operation of U S WEST Communications, Inc.’s (U S WEST) Revenue Sharing Plan, the Commission issued Order No. 25826 concluding in part that improvements to the Revenue Sharing Plan were warranted.  The Commission subsequently issued Order No. 25923 directing the Commission Staff and U S WEST, either jointly or individually, to file a report outlining improvements to the Revenue Sharing Plan or identifying an appropriate replacement.  The parties filed their reports by June 12, 1995.

On October 5, 1995, the Commission Staff and U S WEST filed a Joint Motion for Acceptance of Regulatory Plan, and suggested a procedural schedule for the Commission’s consideration, including a request for a prehearing conference for November 6, 1995.  By this Order, the Commission accepts the parties’ joint suggestion for a prehearing conference on November 6, 1995.  We find, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in this case, that it is prudent and efficient to schedule a prehearing conference on November 6, 1995 for the purposes of formulating or simplifying the issues, obtaining concessions of fact or to identify documents to avoid unnecessary proof, arranging for the exchange of proposed exhibits or prepared testimony, limiting witnesses, scheduling discovery and hearings, establishing procedures at the hearings, discussing settlement offers or making settlement offers, and to address any other matter that may expedite the orderly conduct and disposition of the proceedings in this case.  We note that the parties previously received notice of a possible prehearing conference on November 6, 1995 pursuant to the joint motion filed by the parties which was served on interested individuals and entities.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, based on the Joint Motion of the parties, that a prehearing conference is scheduled in this case for November 6, 1995 in the Hearing Room of the Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho (334-0300).  The prehearing conference shall commence at 1:30 p.m., and shall be for the purposes outlined in this Order, or as set forth in the Commission’s Rule of Procedure No. 211 (IDAPA 31.01.01.0211).

All hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.  Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance of the kind that the Commission is obligated to provide under the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in or to understand the testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing.  The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of  October 1995.

RALPH NELSON, PRESIDENT

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ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters

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