(text box: 1)BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR REGULATED TITLE 61 SERVICES                                                                                         | )))))) | CASE NO. USW-S-96-5ORDER NO.  26602 |

GTE Northwest Incorporated petitioned to intervene in this case on August 26, 1996, pursuant to Rules of Procedure 71 through 75 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-75.

FINDINGS OF FACT

We find that no party timely opposed this Petition to Intervene.

We further find that based on the pleadings and other documents filed in this case, intervention by this party would serve the purposes of intervention as described by Rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Petition to Intervene filed by GTE Northwest Incorporated is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties in this proceeding serve all papers hereafter filed in this matter on all parties of record.  This Intervenor is represented by the following for purposes of service:

Fred Logan

State Manager - Reg & Govt Affairs

GTE Northwest Incorporated

17933 NW Evergreen Parkway

PO Box 1100

Beaverton, OR 97006

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho, this         day of  September 1996.

                                                                                 RALPH NELSON, PRESIDENT

                                                                                 MARSHA H. SMITH,  COMMISSIONER

                                                                                 DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

MYRNA J. WALTERS

COMMISSION SECRETARY

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

September 6, 1996