September 18, 1996

Don Reading, Vice President

Ben Johnson Associates, Inc.

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RE: U S WEST Rate Case Consulting

Dear Don:

Thank you for submitting a comprehensive proposal to provide consulting services to the Staff in the pending U S WEST rate case.  We appreciate your thorough analysis of the issues and your prompt reply.

Having reviewed the proposals submitted in this case, the Staff has selected a proposal submitted by another consultant.  We appreciate the opportunity to review your proposal and look forward to working with BJA at some time in the future.

Sincerely,

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cc:Joe Cusick

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