December 24, 1996

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Myrna J.  Walters, Secretary

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Statehouse Mail

Boise, ID 83720-0074

RE: Case No.  USW-S-96-5

Dear Mrs.  Walters:

Enclosed for filing is an original and two copies of Staff’s partial response to the Second Production Request of U S WEST Communications in the above referenced case.  Staff anticipates filing its responses to the remaining U S WEST production requests on December 26, 1996.  Service of the enclosed partial responses is only being made upon U S WEST; the other parties will be served the Staff responses in their entirety on December 26.

The Company’s Second Production Request begins with Request No. 1; so the Staff’s responses mirror the request numbers.  Best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Donald L.  Howell, II

Deputy Attorney General

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Enclosure

cc:Mary Hobson (with enclosures)

John Alke (with enclosures)