**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Office of the Secretary

Service Date

May 5, 1999

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| **IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FROM WEISER AND PAYETTE RESIDENTS REQUESTING EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS) BETWEEN THESE COMMUNITIES.** | **)****)****)****)****)****)** | **CASE NO. USW‑S‑96‑6** **USW-T-96-6****NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENT** |

On April 20, 1999, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company filed a Petition for Clarification or Modification of Commission Order No. 27774 pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-624 and Commission Rule 326. Farmers is a telephone cooperative and, with a few exceptions, its operations are not regulated by the Commission. Farmers requests the Commission modify Order No. 27774 to order U S WEST Communications, Inc. to implement two-way extended area service (EAS) between the U S WEST Treasure Valley EAS Region and all Farmers’ exchanges. Order No. 27774 was a final Order issued November 4, 1998, granting EAS between the Weiser, Payette and New Plymouth exchanges and the U S WEST Treasure Valley calling region.

Staff opposed granting the Petition. If the Commission grants Farmers’ Petition, U S WEST requests the Commission compensate it using the method approved by the Commission in Order No. 27633 for calculating U S WEST costs for implementing EAS. Farmers’ requests oral argument.

**NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENT**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to Rule 254, the Commission will hear oral argument on Farmers Petition to Modify Order No. 27774. Oral argument will be held on **TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1999, AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE OFFICES OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 61 of the Idaho Code.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this day of May 1999.

Myrna Walters

Commission Secretary

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