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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN STATES FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS INC.’S COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996                                                                                      | ))))))) | CASE NO. USW-T-97-14ORDER NO.  27543 |

Touch America, Inc. petitioned to intervene in this case on May 15, 1998, 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 Touch America, Inc. 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:

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho, this         day of  May 1998.

                                                                                 DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

                                                                                 RALPH NELSON,  COMMISSIONER

                                                                                 MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

May 27, 1998