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

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| IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST COMMUNI­CATIONS, INC’S.  TARIFF ADVICE FILING NOS. 97-12-N, 97-13-N AND 97-14-N REVISING ITS TERMINATION LIABILITY ASSESS­MENT FOR CONTRACTS, PRIVATE LINE TRANS­PORT SERVICES AND ADVANCED COMMU-NICATIONS IN NORTHERN IDAHO. | ))))))))) | CASE NO. USW-T-97-18NOTICE OF MODIFIED          PROCEDURE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on August 7, 1997, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST; Company) filed revisions to its northern Idaho Exchange and Network Services tariff, Private Line Transport Services tariff and Advanced Communications Services tariff.  The Company seeks to revise its liability assessments on contracts for network services, private line transport, and advanced services that are discontinued prior to the normal contract expiration date.

On September 8, 1997, the Commission conducted a decision meeting to determine how to proceed with U S WEST’s tariff advice filing.  The Commission Staff expressed a number of concerns regarding the proposed tariff revisions.  Because of the controversial and somewhat complex nature of the tariff filings, the Commission issued Interlocutory Order No. 27130 on September 9, 1997, suspending U S WEST’s proposed tariff advices until March 9, 1998, or until it could issue a final order in this matter.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through -.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Notice.  The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment.  Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments.  Written comments concerning this application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing.  If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of October 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

October 2, 1997