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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING U S WEST COMMUNI-CATIONS, INC.’S COST OF EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS) | )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO.  USW-T-98-3  NOTICE OF HEARING  AND DISCOVERY SCHEDULE  ORDER NO.27465 |

BACKGROUND

On April 10, 1998, the Commission issued an Order in Case Nos. GNR-T-96-5, GNR-T-97-7 and ROK-T-97-1 establishing this case in which the Commission will resolve all issues pertaining to EAS cost compensation for U S WEST Communications, Inc.  Order No. 27450.  On April 10, 1998, U S WEST and the Commission Staff filed a Stipulation pursuant to that Order submitting a proposed schedule for the hearing and related proceedings in this case.

The parties proposed the following procedural schedule:

1.On or before April 30, 1998, all parties and intervenors serve initial discovery

2.On or before May 21, 1998, all responses to timely discovery requests be served

3.On or before June 22, 1998, U S WEST direct testimony to be filed with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission

4.On or before July 7, 1998, all additional discovery requests to be served

5.On or before July 28, 1998, all responses to timely discovery requests be served

6.On or before August 14, 1998, Staff/Intervenor testimony to be filed with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission

7.On or before September 2, 1998, U S WEST rebuttal testimony to be filed with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission

8. September 15, 1998, 9:30 a.m. technical hearing to begin

NOTICE OF HEARING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED thatpersons desiring to intervene in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this Commission’s Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073.  Persons intending to participate at the hearing must file a Petition to Intervene on or before April 22, 1998.  Persons desiring to present their views without parties’ rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene the technical hearing in this case on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1998 AT 9:30  A.M. AT THE OFFICES OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.  The purpose of this hearing will be to take the technical evidence of U S WEST and the Staff  and intervenors, if any, concerning the costs (including any projected rate increase to fund the requests) and the methodology for determining those costs to U S WEST for providing EAS.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has adopted the following discovery and testimony schedule in this case:

1.On or before April 30, 1998, all parties and intervenors serve initial discovery

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.  Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance of the kind that the Commission is obligated to provide under the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in or to understand the testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing.  The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the prepared testimony and exhibits must conform to the requirements of Rules 230-231 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.230-231.

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.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the prepared testimony and exhibits of all parties be served upon all other parties of record in accordance with the schedule set out above.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of April 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

April 14, 1998