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

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| ROCKY MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  Complainant,  vs.   U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  Respondent. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. USW-T-98-4  ORDER NO.  27941 |

In Order No. 27810 issued December 1, 1998, the Commission amended a procedural schedule in Rocky Mountain Communications’ (RMC) complaint against U S WEST Communications.  In that Order, the Commission directed the parties to appear at an informal settlement conference on January 20, 1999, and to prefile testimony in February 1999.  Following the settlement conference, RMC filed a Motion on January 26, 1999, to suspend the prefile schedule and to substitute an exhibit in its amended complaint.

The Motion reflects that RMC and U S WEST have agreed to conduct another settlement conference.  Consequently, the parties recommended that the Commission suspend the February prefiling of testimony in the hopes that the matter may be settled.

RMC’s Motion also requested permission to file a “substitute” Exhibit No. 1 to its amended complaint filed October 30, 1998.  At the initial settlement conference, RMC identified additional access lines which it alleged had been incorrectly billed or over charged by U S WEST.  “The parties have agreed that additional analysis and discovery is required to be conducted with respect to all lines listed on this substitute Exhibit No. 1. . . .”  RMC Motion at 1-2.  U S WEST consented to the substitute exhibit.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that given the agreement of the parties, the Commission will allow RMC to introduce the substituted Exhibit No. 1 to its amended complaint.  In addition, the prefile testimony schedule contained in Order No. 27180 shall be vacated so the parties may engage in additional settlement negotiations.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of February 1999.

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PAUL KJELLANDER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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