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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OFU S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.’S PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE ZONE CONNECTION CHARGES AND REVISE LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES  | )))))))) | CASE NO.  USW-T-98-6NOTICE OF MODIFIED          PROCEDUREORDER OF SUSPENSIONORDER NO.  27563 |

On December 4, 1997, U S WEST Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Advice 97-15-S and corresponding Transmittal 97-36-SC to discontinue its zone connection charges and revise line extension and construction charges, in compliance with Commission Order No. 27100.  On February 24, 1998, U S WEST requested the effective date be changed to May 1, 1998 to allow the Company and Staff additional time to discuss the issues raised in the filing and time to work with the building community as it revised the land development portion of its tariff.  On April 30, 1998, U S WEST requested the effective date be changed to June 15, 1998.  On May 14, 1998, U S WEST submitted a complete substitute of the original proposal with a new effective date of June 15, 1998.After reviewing the Tariff Advice, the Commission suspends the proposed effective date of June 15, 1998.  This matter will be processed under Modified Procedure.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY 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 Tariff Advice 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 Tariff Advice shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicants at the addresses reflected below:

COMMISSION SECRETARYRON LIGHTFOOT

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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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Tariff Advice has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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 Idaho Code § 61-307.

FINDINGS OF FACT

After reviewing the Tariff Advice, the Commission finds that it is sufficiently important and complex to require the Commission to investigate the proposed tariff changes and revisions.  The Commission further finds that it is unable to consider this Tariff Advice before June 15, 1998, because of the complexity of the evidence presented by the Tariff Advice and because of the previously scheduled hearings and other demands on the Commission’s and the Staff’s time.  Consequently, the Commission finds it is necessary to suspend the effect of Tariff Advice 97-15-S for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days plus five (5) months from the proposed effective date of June 15, 1998.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the effect of Tariff Advice 97-15-S should be and hereby is, suspended for a period of thirty (30) days plus five (5) months from the proposed effective date of June 15, 1998, or until such time as the Commission may issue an Order accepting or rejecting or modifying the filing in this matter.  All previous tariffs and contracts remain in effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter be processed under Modified Procedure.  Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter should do so within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Order.

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

June 8, 1998