BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Office of the Secretary

Service Date

May 3, 1999

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| **IN THE MATTER OF TARIFF ADVICE NO. 99-05-S OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS TO IMPLEMENT EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS) FOR ITS BURLEY EXCHANGE CUSTOMERS.** | **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)** | **CASE NO. USW-T-99-6**  **NOTICE OF TARIFF ADVICE**  **NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  **ORDER NO. 28023** |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on April 14, 1999, U S WEST Communications filed Tariff Advice No. 99-05-S with the Commission seeking authorization to increase basic rates for its customers in the Burley exchange, including the Declo wire center. Tariff Advice No. 99-05-S is a compliance filing in response to Commission Order No. 27910 issued in Case No. GNR-T-96-9 and Order No. 27633 issued in Case No. USW-T-98-3. In those cases, the Commission approved implementation of extended area service for U S WEST customers in the Burley exchange to the Albion Telephone Company exchanges located in Albion, Malta, Almo, Elba and Raft River. Order No. 27633 approved a cost recovery methodology for U S WEST to allow U S WEST to recover its costs associated with implementing the extended calling area.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the cost recovery formula approved by the Commission results in a rate increase of $1.13 per month per customer in U S WEST’s Burley exchange. Tariff Advice No. 99-05-S filed by U S WEST amends its tariff to include the Albion exchanges in U S WEST’s local calling region for its Burley customers and also implements the rate increase of $1.13 per month. U S WEST requests an effective date of June 30, 1999.

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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All 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.

# O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, based on the filing in this case and the determination of the Commission, that U S WEST’s Tariff Advice No. 99-05-S be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-04.

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

DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

PAUL KJELLANDER, COMMISSIONER

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