MEMORANDUM

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RE:ADDITION OF CITY OF ROCKS AREA TO ALMO SERVICE AREA

CASE NO.  ALB-T-98-1

In Order No. 27670, the Commission indicated that:

Contingent upon Albion providing this Commission with evidence of the inclusion of this additional area in the Company’s FCC approved Study Area, Albion’s service area for the purposes of universal service support shall also be considered to include this additional area.

On August 25, 1998, Ray Hendershot of GVNW, acting on behalf of Albion, provided the Commission with a copy of a Memorandum Opinion and Order (DA 96-1129) adopted by the Chief of the FCC’s Common Carrier Bureau, that clarifies in cases such as Albion’s, where a company is combining previously unserved territory with its existing study area in the same state, an FCC waiver is not required.  In such cases, a company simply adds the additional area to its Study Area without FCC approval.

Staff believes this information satisfies the requirement that Albion provide the Commission with evidence of the inclusion of this additional area in the Company’s FCC approved Study Area, and, therefore, Albion’s service area for universal service support also includes this additional area.

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