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FROM:WAYNE HART

DATE:MAY 1, 1998

RE:ALBION TELEPHONE COMPANY PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATED SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES CONCERNING THE ALMO EXCHANGE; CASE NO.  ALB-T-98-1.

On April 23, 1998, the Commission received a petition from Albion Telephone Company, Inc. (Albion) for an order approving the amendment of Albion’s certificated service area boundaries that would add approximately 11 square miles to the Almo exchange.  The additional area requested includes the City of Rocks National Monument.  A request by the Superintendent of the City of Rocks for payphones at the site lead Albion to make this request.  Albion anticipates additional requests for  telephone service by other private parties in this area in the future.

Albion claims the area is currently uncertificated and unserved, and that no other telephone company has facilities near the area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission process this matter by modified procedure.

Wayne Hart

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