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

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| IN THE MATTER OF AT&T COMMUNICA­TIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN STATES, INC.  PETITION FOR ARBITRA­TION PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(b) OF THE TELECOMMUNICA­TIONS ACT OF 1996 OF THE RATES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF INTERCONNECTION WITH U S WEST. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO.   USW-T-96-15  ATT-T-96-2  NOTICE OF INTER­CON­NECTION AGREEMENT  NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE  ORDER NO.  27693 |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on August 17, 1998, U S WEST Communications and AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. submitted an interconnection agreement for approval by the Commission.  The interconnection agreement was executed following a lengthy arbitration procedure before the Commission.  The agreement is submitted for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act.  Section 252(e) requires a Commission to act within thirty days when an arbitrated agreement is submitted for approval.  A state Commission may reject an arbitrated agreement only if the agreement does not meet the requirements of Section 251 (terms for resale, access to unbundled elements, collocation, etc.) or the pricing standards set forth in Section 252(d).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. USW-T-96-15; ATT-T-96-2.  The Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that the issues raised by the interconnection agreement may be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing.  See Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission may not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used.  See IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

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 fourteen (14) 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the deadline, the Commission will consider the matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing.  If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its Order on the basis of the written positions before it.  See IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. USW-T-96-15; ATT-T-96-2 should be mailed to the Commission and the Companies 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 the interconnection agreement 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 and Title 62 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61 or Title 62.

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.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, upon review of the filings in this case and the determination of the Commission, that the approval of the interconnection agreement between U S WEST and AT&T shall be processed by Modified Procedure, Commission Rules of Procedure 201-204, with a fourteen day comment period. IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of August 1998.

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

                                                                                           RALPH NELSON, COMMISSIONER

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Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

August 27, 1998