

June 22, 2000

**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS  
(June 23, 2000)**

RE: In the Matter of the Petition of Mount St. Helens Tours, Inc.,  
Docket No. UT-991930

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 21, 2000, US WEST, GTE, Petitioner and Commission Staff filed a joint motion to continue the hearing in the Mount St. Helens Tours, Inc. matter currently scheduled for June 23, 2000. The purpose of the continuance is to facilitate a possible settlement.

The Joint Motion states that Petitioner, U S WEST, and Commission Staff have agreed in principle to a settlement that would obviate the need for any hearing on the issues in the Mount St. Helens Tours, Inc. matter. The agreement has not yet been formalized, and it depends on the outcome of judicial approval of a pending settlement agreement in another proceeding. If for some reason the settlement falls through, these parties propose that the hearing be held on July 17 or 18, 2000, following the hearing in the Wilderness Lake proceeding.

Mr. Richard Finnigan, on behalf of Toledo Telephone Company, filed a response to the Joint Motion for Continuance. Although he did not state a position on the motion, he did object to continuing the hearing to July 17-18, 2000, since he is unavailable that week. Mr. Finnigan supplied several alternative dates when he would be available.

Since the need for hearings remains uncertain pending the formalization of a settlement agreement, it is appropriate to cancel the hearing set for June 23, 2000, and continue the proceedings. The parties are requested to report to the Commission the status of the Settlement Agreement by July 7, 2000.

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**NOTICE IS GIVEN That the evidentiary hearing scheduled for June 23, 2000, is canceled and the proceeding will be continued to a date to be determined if the settlement fails to close. The parties are requested to report to the Commission the status of the Settlement Agreement by July 7, 2000.**

Sincerely,

KAREN M. CAILLÉ  
Administrative Law Judge