

May 1, 2002

**NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
(May 23, 2002; 9:30 a.m.)**

RE: United & Informed Citizen Advocates Network, Inc., Complainant v. U.S. WEST Communications, Inc., Respondent; Docket No. UT-960659

GTE Northwest, Inc., Complainant, v. United & Informed Citizens Advocates Network, Respondent; Docket No. UT-970257

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

On April 11, 2002, the Commission gave notice of a prehearing conference in this matter, scheduling a telephonic status conference for May 2, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. The Commission gave notice to all parties of record of the time and place established for a telephonic status conference in this proceeding.

On April 25, 2002, GTE Northwest, Inc., filed with the Commission a request that this conference be continued to May 23, 2002. Included in the request was the information that US WEST Communications, Inc., is available on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. On April 26, 2002, Commission Staff filed with the Commission a letter supporting the request to continue the conference to May 23, 2002. GTE indicates that the US WEST, GTE and the Staff have issued subpoenas for documents, and that U&I CAN's response is due on or before May 10, 2002, and argues that rescheduling would allow more time for U&I CAN's responses to be received, and would make the prehearing conference more meaningful.

The Commission has not heard from United & Informed Citizens Advocates as to its availability on May 23, 2002, nor does the request from GTE indicate whether U&I CAN was contacted. The parties are encouraged to review the requirements of WAC 480-09-440, and to comply with section four of that rule when requesting continuances. The prehearing conference will be continued until May 23, 2002. If U&I CAN is not available on May 23, 2002, it should contact the Commission and the other parties, and a mutually available date will be sought.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN That a Prehearing Conference/Status Conference in this matter will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 23, 2002, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** If you are unable to attend the status conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line at (360) 664-3846. Please call Kippi Walker at (360) 664-1139 to request this service.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Secretary