BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON STS, LTD.,

Complainant,

DOCKET NO. UT-921213

U.S. WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S

MOTION FOR LATE FILING OF ITS

U.S. WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)

ANSWER TO COMPLAINANT'S PETITION

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

COMES NOW, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (USWC), and through its attorneys petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) for an order to allow for late filing of its answer to complainant's Petition for Administrative Review in the above-captioned proceedings.

In support of this motion, USWC states that due to improper addressing of complainant's petition such petition was not received at the offices of the attorneys for USWC until March 30, 1993, fully eleven days after the postmark. Such a delay in receipt made it impossible for USWC to meet the ten day answer requirement of WAC 480-09-780(5). USWC is, however, prepared to respond by April 2, 1993 to a document received on March 30, 1993, and has filed such answer simultaneously with this motion.

Attached is an affidavit of Dan Harkleroad in which Mr.

Harkleroad states the facts relative to the receipt and addressing of the complainant's service of its petition.

For the reasons states herein USWC requests the WUTC's

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE COUNSEL OF RECORD File No. UT-921313

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be served one copy of the foregoing document upon the following parties of record by person or by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with postage prepaid:

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