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JERRY L. RUDIBAUGH,
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SUBJECT: U.S. WEST, QWEST, RATE HEARING, OCT. 19/00

HONORABLE SIR:-

THIS IS TO CONFIRM OUR PHONE CONVERSATION OF OCT. 5/00. WHEREIN YOU ADVISED THAT THE SUBJECT HEARING WAS CONTINUED FROM OCT. 10/00 WITH A PRE HEARING OCT 17/00 AT WHICH TIME THE INTERVENOR'S SCHEDULE, FOR THEIR APPEARANCES & TIME, WOULD BE ARRANGED. I AM TO PHONE YOU ON OCT 17/00 SO THAT YOU WILL ADVISE ME OF THE TIME OF APPEARANCE AS SCHEDULED. THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR COURTESY HEREIN.

MAY I OFFER SOME THOUGHTS FOR YOU TO PONDER REGARDING U.S. WEST (QWEST) APPLICATION OF JAN 8/99 FOR A 19% - $2.50 INCREASE IN THE BASIC RATE OF $13.43 (1998) (13.18 - 1999). THE APPLICATION DOES NOT STATE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE FUNDS ARE TO BE USED OR THE END AMOUNT. IT IS $7M DOLLARS AND IS TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT & TO UPGRADE THEIR TECHNOLOGY. IT WILL TAKE 17 3/4 MONTHS TO GENERATE $7M DOLLARS. (1.600M ~~DOLLARS~~ CUSTOMERS X $2.50 = $4M DOLLARS A MONTH)

AS I PERCEIVE IT CUSTOMERS ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE COMPANY WITHOUT THEM THERE WOULD NOT BE NY COMPANY. CUSTOMERS PAY FOR THE SERVICE RENDERED BY THE COMPANY, THEY DO NOT OWN ANY ASSETS OR RECEIVE ANY DIVIDENDS. THE COMPANY (SHAREHOLDERS) ON THE OTHER HAND, OWN ALL THE ASSETS RECEIVE ALL THE DIVIDENDS AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL BUSINESS EXPENSES INCLUDING CAPITAL COSTS, (NEW EQUIPMENT)

THE NEW EQUIPMENT WILL ENABLE THE CO. TO SERVE MORE CUSTOMERS AND EARN MORE REVENUE, FROM WHICH MORE DIVIDENDS WILL BE DERIVED.

IT APPEARS THAT THE CUSTOMERS PAY FOR THE EQUIPMENT YET WILL RECEIVE NO DIVIDENDS FROM THE INCREASED REVENUE. IS IT FAIR OR ETHICAL?

PERHAPS THE FOREGOING WOULD COLOR YOUR CONSIDERED EVALUATION OF U.S. WEST'S (QWEST) APPLICATION OF JAN 8/99 FOR A $2.50 INCREASE IN THE 1998 RESIDENTIAL RATE STRUCTURE. IT WILL EFFECT 1.6M CUSTOMERS

TO REITERATE:- THE CUSTOMERS WILL PAY FOR SOMETHING OF VALUE FROM WHICH THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY SERVICE OR VALUE OR WILL NEVER OWN, OR BE PAID ANY DIVIDENDS!

IN VIEW OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN SET FORTH. DOES U.S. WEST (QWEST) HAVE A VALID APPLICATION ??

YOUR EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE HELPFUL, PERHAPS BEFORE OCT 19/00 ?

YOURS
SINCERELY
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