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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN
AUDIT OF THE EQUIPMENT AND INVESTMENTS CLAIMED BY US WEST.

WHEREAS, the federal communications commission conducts
periodic audits of telecommunications corporations; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 1999, the federal communications
commission released an audit of the property and investment
records of the regional Bell operating companies, including US
West; and

WHEREAS, the audit reveals an estimated seven hundred
eighteen million dollar (\$718,000,000) discrepancy in
equipment registered within US West territory; and

WHEREAS, US West has been earning a profit on equipment
that may not exist or may no longer be in service; and

WHEREAS, through their monthly basic service charges,

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1 customers of US West may have been paying for investments not
2 made in their state; and

3 WHEREAS, it is unknown how much of the seven hundred
4 eighteen million dollar (\$718,000,000) discrepancy is ascribed
5 to New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the continued charging of New Mexico customers
7 for equipment and investment that may not exist or may not be
8 in service is not in the public interest; and

9 WHEREAS, the public regulation commission is the only
10 body in New Mexico capable of conducting a statewide audit of
11 the property and investment made by telecommunications
12 corporations within New Mexico;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public
15 regulation commission be requested to conduct an audit of the
16 equipment and investments claimed by US West and report the
17 results of the audit to the legislature by December 31, 1999;
18 and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all money due the customers
20 of US West be returned to the customers as soon as possible;
21 and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the members of the public regulation
24 commission.