(text box: 1)BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION’S INVESTIGATION INTO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE BY THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY OF ITS HOMEDALE BRANCH | ))))))) | CASE NO. UPR-R-97-1NOTICE OF HEARING |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 4, 1997, the Union Pacific Railroad Company (Union Pacific) submitted notice to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission that Union Pacific intended to abandon its Homedale Branch from Milepost 33.5 in Marsing to Milepost 11.4 in Adrian, Oregon.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Idaho Code § 62-424, the Commission will conduct a hearing to determine what, if any, affect the proposed abandonment would have on the area being served.  Specifically, the Commission will attempt to determine whether the abandonment would adversely affect the area being served; whether there is reason to believe that the closure would impair the access to Idaho communities to vital goods and services and market access to those communities; whether the Homedale branch has a potential for profitability.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the hearing will be held on JUNE 3, 1997, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 116 4TH AVENUE WEST IN MARSING, IDAHO for the purpose of soliciting public input.  Members of the public are encouraged to submit their testimony to those issues set forth above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.  Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance of the kind that the Commission is obligated to provide under the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in or to understand the testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing.  The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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DATED at Boise, Idaho this day of May 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

May 20, 1997