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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Doug Cooley, Telecommunications Section
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Boise, ID 83720-0074

GMR-7-01-3

RE: Order #29631
Shoup EAS

Dear Mr. Cooley:

In response to the above referenced order, effective January 19, 2005 Rural Telephone Company will extend toll-free service from its Shoup exchange into North Fork and Salmon, Idaho. We will be notifying our Shoup customers this month regarding the impending EAS. We will also inform them about the resulting rate increase found reasonable by the Idaho Commission. Rural Telephone's monthly residential rates will increase from \$21.63 to \$24.10 and business rates will increase from \$40.68 to \$42.00 as outlined in the order.

We look forward to providing this much anticipated benefit to our customers. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Martell
Administrative Manager

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