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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITIONS REQUESTING EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS) BETWEEN ARBON AND AMERICAN FALLS, ARBON AND POCATELLO, AND BETWEEN ROCKLAND AND AMERICAN FALLS. | )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. GNR-T-96-5  NOTICE OF HEARING |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in January 1994 and April 1996, the Commission received petitions requesting toll-free calling between the exchanges of Arbon and American Falls, Arbon and Pocatello and between Rockland and American Falls.  The Arbon and Rockland exchanges are served by Direct Communications Rockland, Inc. and Pocatello and American are served by U S WEST Communications.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073.  Persons intending to participate at the hearing must file a Petition to Intervene on or before October 10, 1997.  Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing in this case on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE AMERICAN FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY, 308 ROOSEVELT, AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene a public hearing for the purpose of taking testimony from members of the public.  The public hearing will be conducted THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE MEDIA CENTER OF THE WILLIAM THOMAS MIDDLE SCHOOL, 355 BANNOCK, AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has adopted the following schedule in this case:

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| Deadline to prefile direct testimony and exhibits  Deadline for rebuttal testimony and exhibits —to be received by all parties | October 15, 1997  October 29, 1997 |

The prepared testimony and exhibits must conform to the requirements of Rules 230-231 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure.  There will be no discovery deadlines imposed in this proceeding.  The parties are directed to act in good faith in submitting and responding to discovery requests in accordance with the Commission’s Rules of Procedure.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings will be conducted pursuant to the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.  IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

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:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Procedure.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petitions in this case are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of September 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Office of the Secretary

Service Date

September 24, 1997