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FROM:BIRDELLE BROWN

DATE:APRIL 11, 1997

RE:PETITION TO EXPAND THE ARBON/ROCKLAND EAS PETITION; GNR-T-96-5.

On March 19, the Commission received a petition signed by three Power County Commissioners to expand the Arbon and Rockland petitions to include all of the Extended Area Service in U S WEST’s eastern Idaho EAS region.   Idaho Code § 61-612 suggests that a petition signed by “a majority of the council, commission or other legislative body of the city or county” is valid.

The Notice of Petition issued in GNR-T-96-5 identified the routes to be considered as “among the exchanges of Arbon and American Falls, Arbon and Pocatello, and between Rockland and American Falls.”

Staff recommends that the Commission investigate the EAS in this larger scope to ensure that we have covered all options.  Should GNR-T-96-5 be expanded to include calling between American Falls/Arbon and U S WEST’s eastern Idaho EAS region?

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