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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CUSTOMERS OF THE RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY TO JOIN THE TREASURE VALLEY EXTENDED SERVICE CALLING AREA. | ))))))) | CASE NO. GNR-T-97-9NOTICE OF PETITION |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on April 7, 1997, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission received a Petition from approximately 27 customers of Rural Telephone Company residing in or near Tipanuc, Idaho.  The Petitions request that the Commission institute extended area service (EAS) and provide toll-free calling between the communities of Tipanuc and Mountain Home/Boise and the entire Treasure Valley extended service area.

The Petition states that, presently, Tipanuc residents have toll-free access only to their immediate neighbors.  All other calls are long distance.  The Petition further alleges that Tipanuc residents work, shop and receive government, medical and police services in either Boise, Mountain Home, Nampa or Caldwell.  Consequently, the Petitioners request toll-free calling between Tipanuc and these cities and, in support of their request, note the following: (1) Tipanuc and Mountain Home are in the same county; Mountain Home being the county seat, (2) Tipanuc and Mountain Home share the same school district, (3) the closest medical and police facilities are in Mountain Home, (4) the distance between Tipanuc and Mountain Home is 20 miles or less and there are no geographic barriers, and (5) Tipanuc residents do not have toll free access to any information provider or to the Internet.

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 proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of July 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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