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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CUSTOMERS OF THE FREMONT TELCOM TELEPHONE COMPANY TO JOIN THE EASTERN IDAHO EXTENDED SERVICE CALLING AREA. | )))))) | CASE NO. GNR-T-97-14NOTICE OF PETITION  |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 24, 1997, the Commission received a petition from approximately 1400 customers of the Fremont Telcom Telephone Company (Fremont Telcom) requesting that the Commission institute extended area service (EAS) and provide toll-free calling between Fremont County and the eastern Idaho EAS.

The Petition states that eastern Idaho constitutes a single economic and geographic unit and that isolating Fremont County from the new eastern Idaho EAS will hinder economic development which the petitioners contend will have a direct impact on the school district, city and county governments, law enforcement, health care and commerce by limiting access to lower cost communications.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices.

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, 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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Service Date

July 24, 1997