BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Office of the Secretary

Service Date

May 5, 1999

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CUSTOMERS OF THE RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY TO JOIN THE TREASURE VALLEY EXTENDED SERVICE CALLING AREA .****IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CUSTOMERS OF THE RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY BOISE RIVER EXCHANGE TO JOIN THE U S WEST MOUNTAIN HOME EXCHANGE AND/OR THE TREASURE VALLEY EXTENDED SERVICE CALLING AREA.** | **)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)** | **CASE NO. GNR‑T‑97‑9****CASE NO. GNR‑T‑98‑18****NOTICE OF SCHEDULING** **NOTICE OF HEARING** |

On August 28, 1997, the Commission received petitions from one-hundred thirteen (113) Rural customers requesting EAS from Rurals Boise River Exchange (the communities of Pine and Featherville) into the U S WEST exchange of Mountain Home and/or the entire U S WEST Treasure Valley EAS region. The Commission previously received petitions from Rural customers residing in or near Tipanuk, Idaho requesting EAS between Tipanuk and Mountain Home and/or Boise and the entire U S WEST Treasure Valley EAS Region. Generally, all the petitioners claimed that the county seat, schools, medical facilities, law enforcement and Internet access are available only via a long distance call to Mountain Home and that many services not available in Mountain Home are only found in Boise.

The Commission consolidated Case Nos. GNR-T-97-9 and GNR-T-98-18 for the purposes of scheduling and hearings on December 10, 1998, and adopted a hearing schedule. A public hearing was held in Mountain Home on February 16, 1999. On February 25, 1999, the Commission vacated the hearing schedule. Order No. 27942.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to agreement of the parties, the following further scheduling in Case Nos. GNR-T-97-9/GNR-T-98-18 has been adopted:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Supplemental Direct testimony prefile Staff/ IntervenorRebuttal testimony prefile | May 7, 1999May 28, 1999 |

The prepared testimony and exhibits must conform to the requirements of Rules 266 and 267 of the Commissions Rules of Procedure. Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.266-267.

The parties are apprised that discovery is available pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.221-234. The parties should coordinate discovery requests and responses so that they are able to comply with the established prefile deadlines.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing in Case Nos. GNR-T-97-9/GNR-T-98-18 commencing at **9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1999, AT THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTITLIES HEARING ROOM, 472 W. WASHINGTON, BOISE, IDAHO**.

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

PO BOX 83720

BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074

(208) 334-0338 (TELEPHONE)

(208) 334-3151 (TEXT TELEPHONE)

(208) 334-3762 (FAX)

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 May 1999.

Myrna Walters

Commission Secretary

N:gnrt979\_cc1.doc