(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 .                                                                                        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-97-9CASE NO. GNR-T-98-18NOTICE OF PETITIONNOTICE OF SCHEDULINGNOTICE OF HEARING |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on August 28, 1997, the Commission received petitions containing 113 signatures of customers of Rural Telephone Company (Rural) requesting extended area service (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 Treasure Valley EAS region.  Generally, the petitioners claim 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission currently has pending before it Case No. GNR-T-97-9 in which it will consider the petition of Rural Telephone Company customers residing in or near Tipanuck, Idaho to be included in the communities of Tipanuck and Mountain Home/Boise and the entire Treasure Valley extended service area.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will consolidate Case Nos. USW-T-97-9 and GNR-T-98-18 for the purposes of scheduling and hearings.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has adopted the following schedule in these cases.

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| January 9, 1999January 15, 1999February 5, 1999February 19, 1999 | Deadline for filing petitions for interventionDeadline for prefiling direct testimony of Rural Telephone Company and U S WESTDeadline for prefiling direct testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and IntervenorsDeadline for filing rebuttal testimony and exhibits of Rural Telephone Company  |

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a hearing in these cases for the purpose of receiving public comments commencing at 7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1999, AT THE MOUNTAIN HOME HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GYMNASIUM, 300 SOUTH 11TH EAST STREET, MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing in Case Nos. GNR-T-97-9 and GNR-T-98-9 on TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1999, COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE OFFICES OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, 472 WEST WASHINGTON, BOISE, IDAHO.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of December 1998.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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On December 10, 1998, IPUC Notice of Petition, Notice of Scheduling and Notice of Hearing was issued by this Commission.  The following change(s) should be made to that Order:

Page 1, paragraph 3, line 2

READS:

“Nos. USW-T-97-9 and GNR-T-98-18 for the purposes of scheduling and hearings.”

SHOULD READ

“Nos. GNR-T-97-9 and GNR-T-98-18 for the purposes of scheduling and hearings.”

DATED at Boise, Idaho this day of December 1998.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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