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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Chairman:

I should like to record my objection to the request from Qwest Communications to deregulate resident and small business rates for local calls. In fact, I object to any deregulation of rates charged by the utilities companies that provide service in Idaho and come under review by the Public Utilities Commission. If the Commission does its job properly it provides a great deal of comfort in telling us citizens that someone is looking over charges that we otherwise have no control of. Do well, knowing that you serve us well.

Sincerely,



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