IDAPA 31 - IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

31.42.01 - RULES FOR TELEPHONE CORPORATIONS SUBJECT TO THE

REGULATION OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1988

(THE TITLE 62 TELEPHONE CORPORATION RULES)

IDAPA 31.42.01

DOCKET NO.  31-4201-9801

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY AND PROPOSED RULES

AUTHORITY:  In compliance with Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission’s proposed rulemaking.  This action is authorized pursuant to the Commission’s legal authority under the Public Utilities Law, Chapters 1 through 7, Title 61, Idaho Code and the Telecommunications Act of 1988, Chapter 6, Title 62, Idaho Code and the specific authority of Sections 62-602, 62-606, 62-611, 62-614, 62-615, 62-616 and 62-622, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE:  A public hearing concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled only if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, no later than October 22, 1998.  The hearing site will be accessible to persons with disabilities.  Request for accommodations must be made no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the Commission’s address set out below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a non-technical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rules:

The proposed new rules adopt interconnection and access standards for facilities-based telephone corporation competitors that provide basic local service in unserved areas.

TEMPORARY RULE JUSTIFICATION:  Pursuant to Sections 67-5226(1)(b) and 67-5226(1)(c), Idaho Code, the Governor has found that temporary adoption of the rule is appropriate for the following reasons:

These rules are necessary to protect the public welfare because they promote basic local exchange service provider choices for telephone customers located in areas served only by non-incumbent facilities-based telephone corporations and discourage the development of non-price regulated monopolies.  These rules set standards for providing access and interconnection in unserved areas by Title 62 Telephone Corporations.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING:  Pursuant to IDAPA 04.11.01.0811, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:  For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rules, contact Cheri C. Copsey, Deputy Attorney General at (208) 334-0314.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS:  Anyone may submit written comments regarding these proposed rules.  All written comments and data concerning the proposed rules must be delivered to the Commission Secretary at the address identified above or must be postmarked on or before October 29, 1998.  Persons desiring to comment are encouraged to submit written comments at their earliest convenience rather than wait until the comment deadline.

DATED this               day of   August   1998.

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