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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FROM ELMORE COUNTY RESIDENTS REQUESTING EXTENDED AREA SERVICE BETWEEN MOUNTAIN HOME AND BOISE AND BETWEEN GLENNS FERRY, HAMMETT, KING HILL AND BOISE.    IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FROM WEISER, PAYETTE AND NEW PLYMOUTH  RESIDENTS REQUESTING EXTENDED AREA SERVICE BETWEEN WEISER, PAYETTE, NEW PLYMOUTH AND BOISE. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NOS. USW-T-97-6                       USW-T-96-6  ORDER NO.  27725 |

The Idaho Telephone Association petitioned to intervene in this case on August 28, 1998, pursuant to Rules of Procedure 71 through 75 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-75.

FINDINGS OF FACT

We find that no party timely opposed this Petition to Intervene.

We further find that based on the pleadings and other documents filed in this case, intervention by this party would serve the purposes of intervention as described by Rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Petition to Intervene filed by the Idaho Telephone Association is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties in this proceeding serve all papers hereafter filed in this matter on all parties of record.  This Intervenor is represented by the following for purposes of service:

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho, this         day of  September 1998.

                                                                                DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

                                                                                RALPH NELSON,  COMMISSIONER

                                                                                MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

September 11, 1998