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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ELMORE COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR AN EXTENDED SERVICE CALLING AREA. | ))))))) | CASE NO. USW-T-97-6NOTICE OF PETITION |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 6, 1997, approximately 600 customers of U S WEST Communications, Inc., residing in Elmore County, filed Petitions with the Commission seeking an extended area service (EAS) between Mountain Home and Boise and between Glenns Ferry, Hammett, King Hill and Boise.  The Petitions contain signatures representing a total of approximately 600 individual accounts.

The Mountain Home Petition states that there are over 600 people living in Mountain Home who commute to jobs in Boise.  It further states that the Mountain Home Air Force Base has over 400 employees who live in Boise and commute to the base.  The Petition further alleges that: Mountain Home is in the Boise economic impact area; a majority of the businesses in Mountain Home call Boise more than any other long distance location; far more data base, internet services are and will be available in the Boise area; medical specialists are available in Boise; certain specialty services (architects, engineers, surveyors) are only available in Boise, and;  local governments make numerous calls to state agencies in Boise.

The Glenns Ferry, Hammett, King Hill Petition states that the requested extended area service is necessary to further economic development and to save money for existing businesses and residence in the aforementioned communities by making communication with state government agencies, business suppliers, manufacturers, health care providers and friends and family members affordable.

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 March 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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