

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FROM)
THE RESIDENTS OF MELBA, IDAHO) **CASE NO. GNR-T-00-4**
REQUESTING EXTENDED AREA SERVICE)
INTO MARSING AND HOMEDALE, IDAHO) **MINUTE ORDER**
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This case was opened in 2000 after the Commission received a petition from approximately 90 residents of Melba, Idaho requesting toll-free extended area service (EAS) into Marsing and Homedale, Idaho. The Commission issued Order No. 28817 on August 14, 2001, establishing a deadline for intervention and providing notice of the petition. No petitions for intervention were ever filed and the case has been inactive ever since.

The telecommunications environment has changed significantly since this case was opened, both in its technology and in the applicable laws. The proliferation of cell phones has made calling between these communities routine. In addition, the two telecommunications companies that provide wireline service, Qwest Corporation and Frontier Communications, are both currently unregulated and are free to determine the terms on which they would provide service to surrounding communities.

Based upon Staff's recommendation at the May 12, 2008 decision meeting, the Commission dismisses Case No. GNR-T-00-4.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the EAS petition filed by the residents of Melba, Idaho is dismissed and Case No. GNR-T-00-4 is closed.

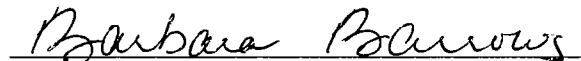
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 14th
day of May 2008.


MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT


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