

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: CASE NO. GNR-T-00-4
PETITION FOR EAS BETWEEN MELBA AND MARSING AND
HOMEDALE

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.

Because this case has been inactive for nearly seven years, Staff recommends the Commission issue a Minute Order to close this case.

COMMISSION DECISION

Should the Commission issue a Minute Order to close Case No. GNR-T-00-4?



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