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Case No. POT-T-01-1, TRO-T-01-1

Order No. 28913

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Potlatch, Troy telephone companies propose merger

BOISE – Jan. 2 is the deadline for those wishing to comment on a proposed merger of Potlatch Telephone Company and Troy Telephone Company.

The companies are asking the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to approve the proposed merger, which, the companies say, does not change rates and will not impact day-to-day operations.

The companies provide general telephone service in the cities and rural areas surrounding Kendrick, Juliaetta and Troy.

The applicants do not intend to seek an increase in customer rates. Potlatch Telephone is requesting authority to continue applying Troy Telephone rates and tariff provisions to the Troy Telephone exchange areas indefinitely.

The commission will proceed under a modified procedure that doesn't include a public hearing, but written comments may request a hearing.

Persons wishing to submit comments by the Jan. 2 deadline can do so via e-mail by accessing the commission's homepage at www.puc.state.id.us and clicking on "Comments & Questions." Fill in the case number (POT-T-01-1) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

The companies have until Jan. 9 to file reply comments.