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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RURAL NETWORK SERVICES, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES AND PETITION FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPOSED SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
Docket No. T-03453A-03-0670

Rural Network Services, Inc. ("Applicant") has filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") to provide competitive facilities-based and resold local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in the State of Arizona. Applicant will be required by the Commission to provide this service under the rates and charges and terms and conditions established by the Commission.

The application, report of the Commission's Utilities Division Staff, and any written exceptions to the staff report prepared by the applicant are available for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of the Commission located at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, and at Applicant, located at 2205 Keithley Creek Road, Midvale, ID 83645.

Under appropriate circumstances, interested parties may intervene in the proceedings and participate at a party. You may have the right to intervene in the proceeding, or you may make a statement for the record. Intervention shall be in accordance with A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before **January 22, 2004**. Persons desiring to intervene must file a written motion to intervene with the Commission and send such motion to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record, and which at the minimum, shall contain the following:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the proposed intervenor and of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made if different than the intervenor.

2. A short statement of the proposed intervenor's interest in the proceeding (e.g. a customer of the company, a shareholder of the company, a competitor, etc.).

3. A statement certifying that a copy of the motion to intervene has been mailed to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

A.A.C. R-14-3-105 shall govern the granting of motions to intervene. The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at the hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and making a statement on their own behalf. The hearing is scheduled to commence on **February 12, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 35007. Please check with the Commission for any changes to the scheduled hearing date.

If you have any comments, mail them to:

The Arizona Corporation Commission
Attention Docket Control
re: Rural Network Services, Inc.
T-03453A-03-0670
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

If you have any questions about this application or information on intervention, you may contact the Consumer Services Section of the Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, or call 1-800-222-7000.

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