

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

In re investigation into the rates and charges of)
Rural Telephone Company.) Docket No. 03-10004
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NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND
NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On October 1, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) voted to open Docket No. 03-10004, an investigation into the rates and charges of Rural Telephone Company. This docket was opened as a result of a Petition filed by the Regulatory Operations Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) in Docket No. 03-8042 alleging that Rural Telephone Company’s accounting procedures were faulty, resulting in over charges to customers served by the utility.

This matter is being conducted by the Commission pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) and the Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”), Chapters 703 and 704, including but not limited to NRS 704.120.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to NAC 703.655, the Commission has scheduled a PREHEARING CONFERENCE in this docket to be held as follows:

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2004

9:00 a.m.
Hearing Room A
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 East William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

The purpose of the prehearing conference is to discuss the status of this case, and whether the Commission should hold consumer sessions in this docket. At the prehearing conference, the Commission may take any action authorized by NAC 703.655.

This matter is available for review at the Offices of the Commission: 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701, and 101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.

Interested and affected persons may file 1) comments in writing; 2) petitions for leave to intervene; or 3) notices of intent to participate as a commenter pursuant to NAC 703.491 at either of the Commission's offices on or before Wednesday, January 28, 2004.

By the Commission,

CRYSTAL JACKSON, Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

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