

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)
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Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative) File No. _____
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Notice of Intent to Establish)
An Open Video System)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN VIDEO SYSTEM

Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative (Paul Bunyan), pursuant to Section 76.1503(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules, hereby submits its Notice of Intent to establish an Open Video System (OVS). As required by section 76.1503(b)(1), Paul Bunyan respectfully submits the following information:

1. **OVS Operator.** The name, address and telephone number of the OVS Operator is Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative, 1831 Anne Street NW (Suite 100), Bemidji, Minnesota 56601. The contact person is Keith Hunt, the Video Services Coordinator for Paul Bunyan. Mr Hunt can be reached by mail at the above street address, by telephone at (218) 444-1234, by facsimile at (218) 444-1121, and by e-mail at kbhunt@paulbunyan.net.

2. **Projected Service Area.** Paul Bunyan's projected additional OVS service area encompasses the City of Turtle River, the City of Kelliher, Durand Township, Maple Ridge Township, Turtle River Township, Port Hope Township, Kelliher Township, Woodrow Township, Shooks Township, and Cormant Township in Beltrami County, Minnesota, and Lakeport Township, Guthrie Township, Fern Township, Hendrickson Township, Farden Township, Hart Lake Township, the City of Laporte Township in

Hubbard County, Minnesota. Paul Bunyan presently serves the City of Solway in Beltrami County, Minnesota, and the following six Beltrami County townships: Northern, Bemidji, Grant Valley, Turtle Lake, Jones and Lammers. Paul Bunyan also has obtained OVS certification for the City of Bemidji in Beltrami County, but will not commence provision of OVS service to residents of that city unless and until certain issues regarding local regulation are resolved. Paul Bunyan is likely to request additional certification from the Federal Communications Commission during the next several years to expand its OVS service area.

3. **Projected Channel Capacity.** Paul Bunyan is providing OVS service over telephone lines via the NEXTLEVEL platform. This is essentially a switched digital service, wherein the programming services are situated in a server and each customer can select up to three programming services at any given moment. Paul Bunyan anticipates that it will have available as many as 250 channel input ports.

4. **Carriage Applications and Inquiries.** Potential video programming providers interested in carriage on Paul Bunyan's open video system may obtain additional information about the system by completing the attached OVS Information Request Form (Attachment 1) and mailing it to Keith Hunt at Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative, 1831 Anne Street, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601. If a potential video program provider has questions concerning the completion of this form, Mr. Hunt can be reached by telephone at (218) 444-1234 and by e-mail at kbhunt@paulbunyan.net.

Pursuant to Section 76.1503(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, Paul Bunyan will provide a potential video programming provider with additional information regarding the OVS system within five (5) business days after Paul Bunyan's receipt by mail of a

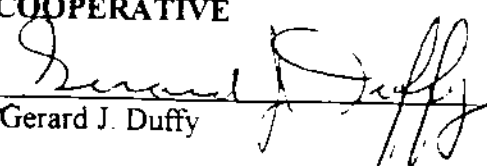
completed OVS Information Request Form. The potential video programming provider will be furnished at that time with additional information regarding carriage on Paul Bunyan's OVS system. This information will include application forms that must be completed, technical information, equipment requirements, rate estimates, application fees and reservation deposits, and qualification requirements.

5. **Initial Enrollment Period.** The initial enrollment period for video programming providers seeking carriage on Paul Bunyan's OVS system will commence on August 27, 2001 and end on November 30, 2001.

6. **Allocation of Capacity.** Paul Bunyan does not expect to experience any capacity constraints on its OVS system. If the aggregate capacity needs of (a) local commercial and non-commercial television stations carried pursuant to Section 76.1506 of the Commission's Rules, (b) public, educational and governmental (PEG) access channels furnished pursuant to Section 76.1505 of the Commission's Rules, (c) Paul Bunyan and its affiliates, and (d) unaffiliated video programming providers exceed the actual capacity of Paul Bunyan's OVS system, then Paul Bunyan and its affiliates will not select the video programming services for carriage on more than one-third of the activated channel capacity of the OVS system. If aggregate capacity needs exceed actual OVS system capacity, unaffiliated video programming providers will be offered portions of the residual capacity (after local television stations, PEG access channels and Paul Bunyan's one-third share are accommodated) on the following basis: each unaffiliated video programming provider will be offered an equal proportionate amount of its requested capacity.

7. **Notification Requirements.** Paul Bunyan has complied with all relevant notification requirements under Section 76.1506 of the Commission's open video system regulations concerning must-carry and retransmission consent. A list of all local commercial and non-commercial television stations served is included as Attachment 2. Also included is a Certificate of Service showing that the present Notice of Intent has been served on all local cable franchising authorities entitled to establish requirements concerning the designation of channels for public, educational and governmental use.

Respectfully submitted,
**PAUL BUNYAN RURAL TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE**

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Dated: August 20, 2001

**PAUL BUNYAN RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
OPEN VIDEO SYSTEM INFORMATION REQUEST FORM**

SECTION I: Identification of Potential Video Programming Provider

Name of Entity: _____

Address of Entity: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Facsimile No.: _____

SECTION II: Carriage Information

Total amount of capacity requested: _____ channels

SECTION III: Certification and Non-Disclosure Statement

The undersigned video programming provider (VPP) represents that it has the right under the Copyright Laws to select and contract for carriage of specific video programming on the Paul Bunyan open video system, and that it has no formal or informal affiliation (as defined by Section 76.1500(g) of the FCC Rules) or agreement with any other VPP requesting capacity or with any cable operator providing cable television services within Paul Bunyan's open video system service area, and that the capacity requested will be used only for the commercial operation of a video program distribution service. The VPP and its affiliates, employees and agents agree not to disclose to any other party the information provided by Paul Bunyan in response to this request, except for information that was previously in the public domain and except as provided in Section 76.1513(j) of the FCC Rules, and that they will not use the information for any purpose whatsoever other than making an informed decision as to whether to enroll in Paul Bunyan's open video system and the subsequent activation of such enrollment, if any.

Signature

Printed Name and Title

Date _____

Please mail to:

Keith Hunt

Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative

1831 Anne Street NW, Suite 100

Bemidji, MN 56601

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LOCAL
COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL TELEVISION STATIONS SERVED**

KARE/Ch 11 NBC
8811 Olson Memorial Hwy
Minneapolis, MN 55427

KAWE/Ch 9 PBS
BSU Box 9 1500 Birchmont Dr.
Bemidji MN 56601

KMSP/Ch 9 UPN
11358 Viking Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

KMWB/Ch 23 WB
1640 Como Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55108

KPXM/Ch 41 PAX
10700 Old County Rd. 15 Ste 285
Plymouth, MN 55441

KSTP/Ch 5 ABC
3415 University Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55414

WCCO/Ch 4 CBS
90 S. Eleventh St.
Minneapolis, MN 55403

WFTC/Ch 29 FOX
1701 Broadway St. NE
Minneapolis, MN 55413

KVLY/Ch 11 NBC
P.O. Box 1878
Fargo, ND 58107

KCCO/Ch 7 CBS
720 Hawthorne St.
Alexandria, MN 56308

KTCA/Ch 2 PBS
172 East 4th St.
St. Paul, MN 55101

KSAX/Ch 42 ABC
415 Fillmore St.
Alexandria, MN 56308

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kelly Laraia, an employee with the law firm of Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast, hereby certify that I mailed on this 20th day of August, 2001, the foregoing NOTICE OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN VIDEO SYSTEM by first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the following city and town clerks of the local cable franchising authorities within Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative's certified open video system area:

Kathy Current, Clerk
Durand
Township
Rt. 1 Box 80B
Puposky, MN 56667

Adell Bridgeford
Hendrickson Township
26701 County 93
Laporte, MN 56461

Berand St Peter
Maple Ridge Township
Box 177
Puposky, MN 56667

Laurel Schummer
Farden Township
30176 County 9
Gurthrie, MN 56461

Becky Collison
Turtle River Township
6143 Tall Pines Rd. NE
Bemidji, MN 56601

Charlotte Rauch
Hart Lake Township
29688 County 16
Laporte, MN 56461

Karen Spargo
Port Hope Township
R.R. 5 Box 210A
Bemidji, MN 56601

Shirley Schmidt
City of Laporte
Rt. 3 Box 17
Laporte, MN 56461

Valerie Mason
City of Turtle River
Rt. 6 Box 216
Bemidji, MN 56601

Tina Rennemo
City of Kelliher
City Hall
Kelliher, MN 56650

Don Klick
Lakeport Township
PO Box 1213
Walker, MN 56484

Mary Lundin
Kelliher Township
PO Box 38
Kelliher, MN 56650

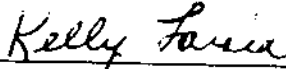
Dorothy Clairmont
Guthrie Township
45548 County 36
Guthrie, MN 56461

Leigh Kisner
Woodrow Township
HC 79
Kelliher MN 56650

Pam Stull
Fern Township
51703 149th Ave.
Bemidji MN 56601

Dorothy Locken
Cormant Township
HC 79 Box 43
Kelliher MN 56650

Harold Frenzel
Shooks Township
26628 Hwy 1 NE
Blackduck MN 56630



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