

# APUC to Hear North State Telephone

The Alaska Public Utilities Commission will reconvene the public hearings which it is holding in conjunction with the investigation of the quality of service being provided by North State Telephone Company, Inc. in its Kotzebue, Dillingham, King Salmon-Naknek exchanges.

The public hearings will continue at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, December 19, 1972 in the hearing room of the Commission in Anchorage.

The Commission has previously held public hearings in this matter at Dillingham, King Salmon and Naknek on October 18 and 19. A hearing in Anchorage began on October 26 and recessed October 28 (due to the illness of one of the participants). At that time the hearing was continued until

December 5, 1972.

During the hearing held December 5, North State motioned the Commission for a continuance of the proceedings until after February 1, 1973. However, the Commission denied the motion and set December 19, 1972 as the "date certain" that these hearings shall continue.

The Commission directed its staff to conduct a field inspection of all the financial and accounting records, including property records of North State and its affiliates prior to the hearing on December 19. The Commission further ordered the utility to physically produce these financial records and its equipment and cable assignment records at the hearing.

These hearings are being held

in order that the Commission may determine whether or not the operating authority of North State should be revoked, suspended or modified or whether the Commission should prescribe how the utility is to upgrade its facilities and services in order that the requirements of the public's convenience and necessity are reasonably satisfied.