

Ordered to Service Kotzebue Phones Former Employee--

ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Public Utilities Commission has pulled the rug out from under North State Telephone Co. service to four Bristol Bay communities and ordered the utility

to shape up its service to Kotzebue.

The commission decision, reached after lengthy hearings over North State's telephone service to Kotzebue, Dillingham, King Salmon, Naknek and South Naknek, was released last week by PUC officials in Anchorage.

Specifically, the PUC revoked the certificate of public convenience and necessity held by North State which allowed it provide service to the Bristol Bay communities, and ordered that the utility be allowed to continue operating in Kotzebue only if it conformed with minimal standards of operation and other terms and conditions.

"In order for North State's authority to furnish telephone exchange services in Kotzebue to remain in full force and effect, it is subject to certain terms and conditions set forth by the commission, the PUC said. "The utility must file within 90 days a complete inventory of all used and useful plant in the exchange and then file a detailed study reflecting the rate base, based upon the inventory value. It must also provide the commission with information concerning its cost of providing service which justifies its existing rates," the PUC said.

The utility must also provide for Kotzebue area continuous operation and information service; adequate on-site installation and maintenance capability; cable assignment records; location markers for all buried cables, and must make restoration of 95 per cent of all interruptions in local service within 24 hours.

The commission said the local operator at Kotzebue must respond, ready to render assistance within 10 seconds; that 95

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Lois Keating Writes from Inuvik

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there were then.

One of the busiest organizations in Inuvik right now is C.O.P.E. (Committee for Original People's Entitlement), which is making a tremendous effort to assist all those people in the Delta region who are eligible to send in enrollment forms under the Alaska Native Inuit and Claims Act.

The deadline is approaching fast.

I was surprised to find that there are so many people in this area whose ancestors came from Alaska. I have been helping to fill out some of the forms and am just beginning to realize the immensity of the task facing the Enrollment Office.

This past week, a public meeting was held to hear the results of the work done by the Education Steering Committee. It was decided to set up an Education Advisory Committee, and an election is to be held March 29.

This is the first time that the community has been given a real chance to take part in what is going on in the school system. Heretofore it has been almost totally a function of the government.

This week a new open-line CBC radio program has been initiated. This series, dealing with items of social concern in the community, began with a discussion of youth.

Larry Springgale, the co-ordinator at Ingamo Hall, and Howard McDiarmid, regional director of Local Government, were the principal guests, along with two students from the local schools.

(Inuvik, a community in the Mackenzie Delta region of Canada's Northwest Territories, is located 125 miles north of the Arctic Circle and 60 miles south of the Arctic Ocean. It has a population of 3,500, half of whom are Indian and Eskimo. Inuvik was built between 1955 and 1961 by the Canadian government as the administrative center of the Mackenzie Delta.)

INUVIK I arrived in Inuvik on March 1st, flying in on International Jet Air's Electra from Whitehorse, Yukon, having left Fairbanks and the Tundra Times less than a week earlier.

It's cold here, still mostly 20 and 40 below, but the people seem friendly and warm. I know a lot of people from my previous visits, and every day I'm meeting new ones, so there already is always someone waiting at me wherever I go.

The sidewalks are slippery, and wherever there is even a slight incline, the children have made slides, you really have to watch your footing. Even proceeding with caution, I've landed upside down a couple of times already.

Walking down to Ingamo Hall (or East Three House, which is the official title for the local Friendship Center), where my office is located, I find that the path in places is on such an angle that it is almost impossible to stay upright. And the steps over the Uthlor are rounded patches of ice.

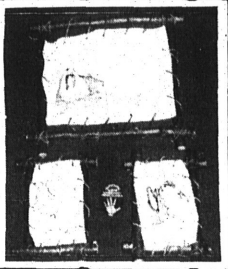
While walking along MacKenzie Road, I noticed a vaguely familiar hollow crunching sound and suddenly I was reminded of Dawson City and then I remembered that Inuvik, too, has wooden sidewalks, although of course they are not now visible under the accumulated ice and snow.

Here, above the Arctic Circle, it already stays light till after 8 p.m., and each day is perceptibly longer. The orange-red sun behind the distant mountains across the Delta is indeed a beautiful sight.

I see new construction everywhere, and many new businesses have sprouted since I first visited Inuvik in July of 1971. There also seems to be almost twice as many vehicles on the road as

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