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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

August 13, 2004

SUBJECT: Nominations for Upcoming Board of Directors Election

TO: Rural Telephone Bank Stockholders

FROM: ROBERTA D. PURCELL
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Rural Telephone Bank

Nominations for Rural Telephone Bank (Bank) board of directors are now being accepted and should be received by October 6th. Six director positions, three from the cooperative industry and three from the commercial industry, will be elected in November 2004.

Stockholders of record as of August 10, 2004, may nominate up to three eligible individuals from their industry segment; cooperative or commercial. All eligible individuals receiving at least 10 nominations are entered on the official ballot as candidates for either the three cooperative positions or the three commercial positions. An eligible individual is defined as a director, manager, or other employee within the same industry segment of the stockholder; cooperative or commercial.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete and return the enclosed RTB Form 4, Nominations for Directors, to the Assistant Secretary, Rural Telephone Bank. Forms may be returned by:

- **Mail** **Self-addressed return envelope enclosed, or**
- **Facsimile** **Fax number (202) 720-0810**
- **Deadline** **The Bank must receive this form no later than close of business (5 p.m.)
on October 6, 2004**

Please remember to have your organization's chief executive officer, president, or vice president sign and date the nominations form before returning it to the Bank. The official ballot will be mailed late October together with a biographical profile of each candidate nominated for the board of directors. The Bank staff is available for any further information you may need at (202) 720-9556.

Enclosure

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Please complete the nominating form and mail or fax today!