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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS) CASE NO. IPC-E-03-13
INTERIM AND BASE RATES AND)
CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE.)

**PETITION OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW the United States Department of Energy (“DOE” or “Petitioner”) on behalf of its Idaho Operations Office and on behalf of other Federal Executive Agencies, all of whom are customers of Idaho Power Company (“IPC”), and by and through counsel, respectfully requests the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to grant this Petition for Leave to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support thereof, DOE states:

I.

DOE has been delegated authority by the General Services Administration (“GSA”) pursuant to Section 201 (a)(4) of the Federal Property and Administration Services Act of 1949,

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as amended (40 U.S.C.A. Sec. 481 (a)(4)), to represent the customer interests of the Executive Agencies of the United States Government in this proceeding.

II.

The following persons are designated to receive service in this matter:

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III.

On October 16, 3003, IPC filed an Application with the Commission for authority to increase the Company's general rates and charges for electric service in the State of Idaho by \$85,561,910 annually. The Company's filing also included a request for \$20 million in interim rate relief in the event the Commission suspended IPC's proposed rates and charges.

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IV..

The proposed tariffs will affect the rates which DOE and the other Federal executive Agencies currently pay for electricity from IPC. Procurement of electricity from IPC by DOE and other Federal Executive Agencies is made entirely from public funds. Therefore, DOE and the other Federal Executive Agencies have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding which would not be represented by other parties in this proceeding.

IV.

DOE seeks the right to participate fully in this proceeding, including the right to present expert witnesses and cross-examine witnesses, to take part in oral argument and file briefs, and to request such relief as may be determined necessary to protect the interests of DOE and the other Federal Executive Agencies.

V.

For the purposes of the above-captioned proceeding, I have designated as local counsel and an active member of the Idaho State Bar, Dennis A. Love, (Bar No. 3402) P.O. 1625. Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83415-3899 (208-526 8765).

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WHEREFORE, DOE respectfully requests the Commission to grant this Petition for
Leave to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2003

By 
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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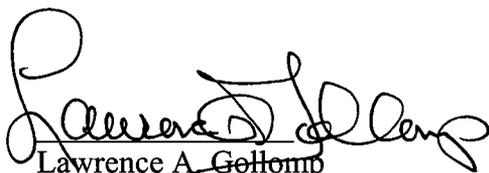
I hereby certify that I have this 3rd day of November, 2003, served or caused to be served a true and correct copy of the attached PETITION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE upon on each of the parties listed below by placing the same in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid or by Federal Express.

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