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December 5, 2005

Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Re: Case No. IPC-E-05-28

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket an original and seven (7) copies of the Petition of the United States Department of Energy for Leave to Intervene. An additional copy is enclosed, which we ask be date stamped for our records, and returned to our office in the enclosed postage-paid, self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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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-05-28
BASE RATES AND CHARGES FOR)
EELECTRIC SERVICE IN THE STATE)
OF IDAHO.)

**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 28, 2005, IPC filed an Application with the Commission for authority to increase its electric rates an average of 7.8%. If approved, the Company's revenues would increase \$43,947,847 annually.

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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.

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

Dated this 6th day of December 5, 2005.

By 
Lawrence A. Gollomp
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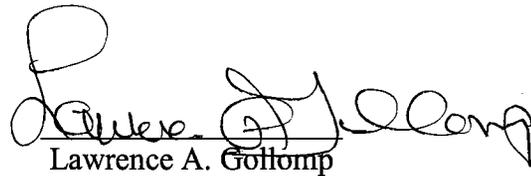
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 6th day of December 2005, I served a true, correct and complete copy of the foregoing document on the following via electronic mail:

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