(text box: 1)BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY’S 1995 ELECTRIC INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. IPC-E-95-8  NOTICE OF SCHEDULING  NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE  NOTICE OF COMMENT/ PROTEST DEADLINE |

On June 5, 1995, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power; Company) filed its 1995 Electric Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission).  The Company’s filing complies with the Commission’s direction in Order No. 22299 issued January 27, 1989 which requires Idaho Power to file a biennial resource management report (now IRP) describing the status of the Company’s electric resource planning.  A Notice of Filing in Case No. IPC-E-95-8 was issued by the Commission Secretary on June 21, 1995.

As a result of the Commission’s Order No. 25884 in Idaho Power Case No. IPC-E-93-28 the Company’s IRP is important and significant in the calculation of avoided costs for qualifying facilities greater than 1 megawatt (MW) in size pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA).

On July 17, 1995, Idaho Power filed an Application with the Commission in Case No. IPC-E-95-9 proposing an avoided cost IRP methodology, a proposed procedure and method for utilizing the Company’s IRP for calculating avoided costs.  Because of the generic implications of the filing, The Washington Water Power Company and PacifiCorp dba Utah Power & Light Company were made parties to the proceeding and interested parties were permitted to intervene.  Since the Company’s filing the parties have met both formally and informally in an attempt to achieve understanding, compromise, and a proposed settlement.  They continue in their efforts.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. IPC-E-95-8.  The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that the issues raised by the Company’s filing including the ramifications regarding use of the IRP in the calculation of avoided costs, may be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing.  Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that pursuant to discussions of the parties in Case No. IPC-E-95-9 and with the consent of the Commission, the Company is provided the opportunity to submit updated data and proposed changes to its IRP so as to facilitate and accommodate its use for calculation of avoided cost rates.  The deadline for such a filing is Friday, March 15, 1996.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the deadline for filing written comments or protests with respect to Idaho Power Company’s 1995 Electric Integrated Resource Plan and the use of Modified Procedure in Case No. IPC-E-95-8 is Friday, April 26, 1996.  Interested parties in this case may avail themselves of discovery rights (production requests or written interrogatories) pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.221 et seq.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written protests or comments are received within the deadline, the Commission will consider the matter on its merits and may enter its order without a formal hearing.  If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its order on the basis of the written positions before it.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. IPC-E-95-8 should be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

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| Commission Secretary  Idaho Public Utilities Commission  PO Box 83720  Boise, ID 83720-0074  Street Address for Express Mail:  472 W Washington  Boise, ID 83702-5983 | John H. Willmorth  Bart Kline  Idaho Power Company  PO Box 70  Boise, ID 83707-0070 |

All comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company’s Electric IRP may be viewed during regular business hours at the offices of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 W. Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and at the Idaho offices of Idaho Power Company.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this day of February 1996.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

February 8, 1996