BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF NEW TARIFF PROVISIONS RELATING TO NEW SERVICE ATTACHMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION LINE INSTALLMENTS OR ALTERATIONS. | )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. IPC-E-95-18  NOTICE OF WORKSHOP |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 8, 1995, Idaho Power Company filed an Application for approval of modifications to its Tariff No. 101, Rule H, providing for charges for the construction of distribution line installations or alterations.  Idaho Power proposes to shift the cost for new service attachments and distribution line installations or alterations from the system revenue requirement to the new customer requesting the construction.  The major proposed changes to the existing Rule H procedures include the following:

1.extension allowances are discontinued;

2.a new system of refundable and non-refundable customer charges is established which include a:

a.non-refundable Service Attachment Charge,

b.non-refundable Base Installation Charge,

c.refundable Supplementary Installation Charge,

d.non-refundable Vested Interest Charge,

e.miscellaneous non-refundable charges,

f.subdivisions and multiple tenant project charges are non-refundable except for charges resulting from facilities outside the subdivision or multiple tenant project.

The proposed new Rule H would require contributions from customers for new service attachments and/or distribution line installations or alterations.  For example, new residential customers would be required to pay a non-refundable “Service Attachment Charge” ranging from $120-735 and a

non-refundable “Base Installation Charge” of $1500, in addition to any applicable “Vested Interest Charges” (non-refundable) and “Supplementary Installation Charges” (refundable).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission previously held a workshop Tuesday, January 23, 1996 in Boise, Idaho.  At that workshop, the Company explained their proposal and participants asked general questions of Idaho Power Company representatives and the Commission Staff.   Potential parties were identified, and another workshop was scheduled to discuss the specific issues, concerns and examples of how the modification to the tariff will work.  Idaho Power Company agreed to explain at the next workshop how the proposed modification will affect the costs to specific examples.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has scheduled a workshop for Thursday, February 15, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. at the Commission hearing room located at 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho 83702.  The Commission Staff will meet with Idaho Power representatives and other interested parties during the workshop to identify and address further issues raised by Idaho Power’s proposal.  Participants should also be prepared to identify issues and present possible resolution of those issues.  The participants will discuss at that time whether further workshops will be necessary or if the matter should immediately proceed to a formal Commission hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application together with supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits, have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this day of January 1996.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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