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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.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 two workshops on January 23, 1996 and February 15, 1996, in Boise, Idaho.  At these workshops, the Company explained its proposal and participants asked general questions of Idaho Power Company representatives and the Commission Staff. At the February 15 workshop, Idaho Power described how the proposed modification would affect specific examples.  The Commission Staff explained their position on policy issues with the proposed modification and indicated they would have a written proposal outlining Staff’s position by March 12, 1995, to use for discussion at the next workshop.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has scheduled a workshop for TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1996 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE EAST CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE HALL OF MIRRORS, 700 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83702.  The Commission has also scheduled a follow-up workshop for TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1996, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE EXECUTIVE ROOM OF THE QUALITY INN, 1555 POCATELLO CREEK ROAD, POCATELLO, IDAHO. The Commission Staff and Idaho Power representatives will meet with other interested parties during this workshop to identify and address further  issues raised by Idaho Power’s proposal.  Participants should be prepared to identify issues and present possible resolution of those issues.  Parties are invited to bring to these workshops written proposals outlining issues or changes to the proposed modifications.  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 February 1996.

Jean Jewell

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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