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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO DISCONTINUE ITS HOME CEILING INSULATION FINANCING PROGRAM. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. IPC-E-96-4  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE  NOTICE OF COMMENT/ PROTEST DEADLINE |

On April 10, 1996, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power; Company) filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for authority to discontinue its Home Ceiling Insulation Financing Program (Ceiling Insulation Program).  Reference Program approval—Order No.  13651, January 5, 1978.

Idaho Power reports that in recent years activity under the Ceiling Insulation Program has become minimal.  In the year 1995, the Company financed $16,453 for 24 projects.  The financing ranges from $1,250 to $308.  The Company has been notified that the bank that purchased the ceiling insulation financing contracts no longer desires to purchase those contracts.  The Company states that it is faced with either financing and administering the program internally or finding another lender that will purchase the contracts.

As a result of the low participation, and because the bank that purchased the contracts in the past will no longer do so, the Company requests that the Ceiling Insulation Program be terminated.  The Company has requested that the Application be processed under Modified Procedure.  The Company has proposed a discontinuance date of May 31, 1996, to permit home insulation contractors that may utilize the ceiling insulation program to be advised in advance that the program will be discontinued.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. IPC-E-96-4.  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 Application may be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing.  Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01201-204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the deadline for filing written comments or protests with respect to the Application in Case No. IPC-E-96-4 is Monday, May 20, 1996.  Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written protests or comments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests 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-96-4 should be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

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

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application in Case No. IPC-E-96-4 together with accompanying exhibits can be viewed during regular business hours at the offices of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and at the general offices of Idaho Power Company located at 1221 West Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of April 1996.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

April 26, 1996