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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A HOLDING COMPANY AND THE EXECUTION OF A SHARE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. | ))))))) | CASE NO. IPC-E-97-11NOTICE OF HEARINGORDER NO.  27296 |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 18, 1997, this Commission received a letter from the Legislative Council Committee on Electric Utilities Restructuring of the Idaho Legislature requesting that the Commission conduct a public hearing regarding Idaho Power’s Application in this matter.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to the Legislative Committee’s Request, the Commission will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments from all parties of record and any members of the public concerning Idaho Power’s Application for authority to form a holding company structure.  The hearing will be conducted on TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1998, COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE OFFICES OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.  Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance of the kind that the Commission is obligated to provide under the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in or to understand the testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing.  The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings will be conducted pursuant to the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.  IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission will conduct a public hearing in this matter as set forth above.

THIS IS AN INTERLOCUTORY ORDER.  Any person interested in this Order may file a petition for review within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order.  A petition to review may request that the Commission: (1) rescind, clarify, alter, amend; (2) stay; or (3) finalize this Interlocutory Order. After any person has petitioned for review, any other person may file a cross-petition within seven (7) days.  See  Rules 321, 322, 323.03, 324, 325 (IDAPA 31.01.01.321 -325.)

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of December 1997.

                                                                                                                                       DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

                                                                                            RALPH NELSON, COMMISSIONER

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

December 31, 1997