(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 INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES TO RECOVER DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT/CONSERVATION EXPENDITURES                                                                                      | )))))) | CASE NO. IPC-E-97-12ORDER NO.  27294 |

On November 28, 1997, the Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power; Company) filed an Application with the Commission for an Order approving an increase in electric service rates to allow for the accelerated recovery of the Company’s outstanding demand side management/ conservation expenditures.  The Company’s Application is described in greater detail in the Notice of Application issued by this Commission on December 18, 1997.  The proposed changes set forth in Schedule 96, filed in Idaho Power’s Application, will affect the Company’s rates.  Idaho Power has requested that those new rates become effective January 1, 1998.  Pursuant to Idaho Code § 61-622 and Rule 123(03) of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01, the Commission hereby suspends the proposed effective date of January 1, 1998, for a period of thirty (30) days plus five (5) months or until such time as the Commission issues a final Order resolving the Company’s Application.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the proposed effective date of Idaho Power’s Schedule 96 is suspended for a period of thirty (30) days plus five (5) months 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.

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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