(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-97-12  ORDER NO. 27610 |

On December 31, 1997, this Commission issued Order No. 27294 in this proceeding suspending Idaho Power’s proposed changes in its rates for electric service (related to an accelerated amortization of the Company’s conservation expenditures) for a period of thirty (30) days plus five (5) months or until June 30, 1998.  Because of the complexity and magnitude of this proceeding, as well as other demands and constraints on the Commission’s time and resources, we find that it is necessary, and that good cause exists, to further suspend the effective date of Idaho Power Company’s proposed changes in rates for an additional 60 days or until such time as this Commission issues a final Order resolving the Company’s Application.  This Order is issued pursuant to Idaho Code § 61-622.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the effective date of Idaho Power’s proposed changes in its rates for electric service are further suspended for a period of sixty (60) days.  (Sixty days from the date of this Order falls on Saturday, July 29, 1998.)  Therefore, the rates are suspended no later than August 31, 1998, or until such earlier time as the Commission may issue a final Order accepting, rejecting or modifying the Application in this matter.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.  Any person interested in this Order (or in issues finally decided by this Order) or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. IPC-E-97-12  may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. IPC-E-97-12 .  Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration.  See Idaho Code § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of June 1998.

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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