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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OFIDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO DISCONTINUE ITS COMMERCIAL LIGHTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO.  IPC-E-98-1  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF MODIFIED           PROCEDURE  ORDER NO.  27320 |

On January 5, 1998, Idaho Power Company filed an Application requesting that the Commission grant it authority to discontinue its Commercial Lighting Energy Efficiency Program.  Implementation of this program was authorized on May 26, 1993, by the Commission in Order No. 24913.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 5, 1998, Idaho Power Company filed an application requesting that the Commission grant it authority to discontinue its Commercial Lighting Energy Efficiency Program

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED That the Commission authorized Idaho Power to implement this Commercial Lighting Energy Efficiency Program on May 26, 1993, in Order No. 24913 and that this program was designed to promote energy conservation among its commercial customers through installation of more efficient lighting.  Idaho Power’s program offers its commercial customers two options: (1)  the Customized Lighting Systems Option, and (2)  the Commercial Lighting Menu Option.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED That Idaho Power states in its Application that participation in the program is declining.  Application at p. 3.  It further states that it has advised its customers and those businesses that sell lighting products that it intended to file this Application requesting authority to discontinue the program.  Id.  It states that participation in the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, Inc., a regional conservation program, is the best approach to conservation.  Therefore, it asserts that discontinuance of the Commercial Lighting Energy Efficiency Program is consistent with reducing the deferral of expenditures for recovery at a later date.

 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED That Idaho Power requests the Commission authorize it to give its customers two months notice that this program will be discontinued.  It requests that the two month period begin effective the date it filed this Application with the Commission.  This means that the program would cease on March 7, 1998.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED That projects submitted under the Customized Option during the two month notice period would continue to be processed under that option so long as the project was completed within four months of the date of Idaho Power’s Application or by May 7, 1998.  Requests for payment submitted under the Menu Lighting Option during the two month period would be processed for payment under that option’s terms.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED That Idaho Power requested this Application be processed under the Commission’s Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through -.204.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through -.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Notice.  The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment.  Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments.  Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

COMMISSION SECRETARYLARRY D. RIPLEY

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

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing.  If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application has been filed with the Commission and is 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Idaho Code § 61-307.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter be processed under Modified Procedure.  Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter should do so within twenty-one  (21) days from the date of this Order.

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

                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

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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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Office of the Secretary

Service Date

January 26, 1998