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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION’S OWN INVESTIGATION INTO THE COSTS OF PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO.  IPC-E-98-2  NOTICE OF SCHEDULING  NOTICE OF PREHEARING          CONFERENCE  NOTICE OF INTERVENTION               DEADLINE  ORDER NO. 27367 |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 12, 1998, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission conducted a prehearing conference in this matter for the purpose of identifying issues and scheduling.  As a result of that prehearing conference, the Commission has adopted the following schedule:

Deadline for submitting discovery requests (in-hand)May 8, 1998

Deadline for responding to discovery requestsMay 29, 1998

Deadline for prefiled direct testimony and

    exhibits of Commission Staff and IntervenorsJune 30, 1998

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a second prehearing conference in this matter for the purpose of discussing issues and scheduling this matter for further proceedings on WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1998, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE OFFICES OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, 472 W. WASHINGTON ST., BOISE, IDAHO 83702.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff will conduct an informal workshop for all parties and interested persons to further discuss matters relevant to this proceeding on TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998 COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE EAST CONFERENCE ROOM, JOE R. WILLIAMS BUILDING (HALL OF MIRRORS), 700 W. STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.  \*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WORKSHOP WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES.\*\*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073.  Persons intending to participate at the hearing must file a Petition to Intervene within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Order.  Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

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.

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The parties reported to the Commission, during the course of the prehearing conference, that they had discussed a number of issues in an informal, off-the record meeting.  It appears that the consensus of the parties to this proceeding is that it would be worth the time and effort of this Commission and the parties to proceed with this case within the scope identified by this Commission in the Notice of Scheduling issued January 28, 1998.  While certain parties believe that the scope of this proceeding should be expanded somewhat from that identified in the aforementioned Notice and others believe that there may be some disagreement as to the final product that should derive from this proceeding, all parties, nonetheless, seem to be in agreement that the unbundled cost information already submitted by Idaho’s three investor-owned utilities should be subjected to greater scrutiny and, perhaps, additional data should be provided.  We have scheduled this case in a manner that we believe will allow the parties to seek the information they desire and, because of the second prehearing conference scheduled in this case, will allow all parties and this Commission to re-assess the scope of this case and to further identify and resolve issues after the parties have had an opportunity to obtain and review that information.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the foregoing schedule is adopted in this case.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of February 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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Service Date

February 18, 1998