(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  ORDER NO.  27389 |

Solutia, Inc. petitioned to intervene in this case on February 4, 1998, pursuant to Rules of Procedure 71 through 75 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-75.  Idaho Power Company objects to the intervention alleging that Solutia, Inc. has failed to demonstrate a direct and substantial interest in the proceedings.  Solutia, Inc., by way of response, represents that the Commission’s inquiry into Idaho Power’s costs of providing electric service may have consequential ramifications that would present electric restructuring opportunities to electric customers for direct market access to wholesale power.  Such a change in regulated conditions, Solutia, Inc. contends, might impact the current contract of Solutia, Inc. (and Monsanto Company) with PacifiCorp, a contract related to a joint venture in Soda Springs, Idaho known as P4 Production, LLC.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Commission has considered the filings of record in Case No. IPC-E-98-2 including the intervention petition of Solutia, Inc. and related findings. We find that based on the pleadings and other documents filed in this case, that Solutia, Inc. has demonstrated a direct and substantial interest in the proceedings and that intervention by this party would serve the purposes of intervention as described by Rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Petition to Intervene filed by Solutia, Inc., formerly Monsanto Company, is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties in this proceeding serve all papers hereafter filed in this matter on all parties of record.  This Intervenor is represented by the following for purposes of service:

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

                                                                                DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

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Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

February 27, 1998