(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-98-2ORDER NO.  27420 |

United States Department of Energy petitioned to intervene in this case on March 3, 1998, pursuant to Rules of Procedure 71 through 75 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-75.

FINDINGS OF FACT

We find that no party timely opposed this Petition to Intervene.

We further find that based on the pleadings and other documents filed in this case, 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 United States Department of Energy 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  March 1998.

                                                                                 DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

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ATTEST:

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Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

March 17, 1998