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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE UPDATING OF THE COMPANY’S GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PRAIRIE SERVICE AREA. | )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. IPC-E-98-3  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 5, 1998, the Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power; Company) filed an Application to update its general rules and regulations pertaining to the Company’s Prairie service area.  Idaho Power acquired the assets of Prairie Power Cooperative, Inc. in 1992.  The Commission approved the Company’s proposed accounting for the purchase as well as a tariff setting forth rates and conditions for service to customers in the Prairie service area on June 30, 1992 in Order No. 24398 issued in Case No. IPC-E-92-11.

In its Application in this case, Idaho Power notes that the Prairie service tariffs were patterned after the Company’s general rules and regulations pertaining to its general service territory in the state of Idaho.  The Prairie service tariffs setting forth the rates for electric service, however, were unique and, under Order No. 24398, were allowed to remain in existence for 10 years.  Consequently, when Idaho Power filed for general rate relief on June 30, 1994, in Case No. IPC-E-94-5, the Company’s Prairie service area was omitted and its tariffs were not revised.

Moreover, when the tariff provisions relating to new service attachments and distribution line installments or alterations for Idaho Power’s general service territory were revised, the separate Prairie service area tariffs were not changed.  Consequently, the Company’s line extension tariffs in the Prairie service area, although originally duplicating the Company’s general line extension provisions, were not updated and still reflect the pre-February 6, 1997 tariffs.

By its Application in this case, Idaho Power proposes to adopt the same general rules and regulations that are currently applicable to its general service territory for the Prairie service area.  The Company does not propose to change the tariff rates for electric service for the Prairie service area.  Assuming approval by the Commission of the Company’s Application in this case, Idaho Power states that it will include the Prairie service area in any future applications to change the Company’s general rules and regulations.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power has proposed an implementation date for its proposed updated tariffs in this proceeding of April 15, 1998.  The Company states that the Application has been and will be brought to the attention of affected customers by means of news releases and by separate mailing to Idaho Power’s Prairie service customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power has requested that its Application in this case be processed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rule 201 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure (IDAPA 31.01.01) and that an evidentiary hearing not be conducted.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and proposed tariffs have been filed with the Commission and are 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 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 on or before March 4, 1998.  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.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this day of February 1998.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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