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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO USE A PORTION OF THE 1997 REVENUE SHARING BALANCE TO FUND IDAHO POWER COMPANY’S 1997 AND 1998 PAY­MENTS TO THE NORTHWEST ENERGY EFFICIENCY ALLIANCE. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. IPC-E-98-12  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 13, 1998, the Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power; Company) filed an Application for an Order authorizing the Company to use a portion of its 1997 revenue sharing balance to fund the Company’s 1997 and 1998 payments to the North­west Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA).

In support of its Application, Idaho Power contends that the Commission, in prior Orders, approved the Company’s participation in NEEA and authorized Idaho Power to capitalize and defer the recovery of its investment until additional data regarding the prudence of the various NEEA programs is available.

Idaho Power states that it has participated in NEEA and has made payments to that organization for the years 1997 and 1998 totaling $2,432,085.75 for the Company’s Idaho jurisdiction.  Idaho Power proposes to fund the aforementioned expenditures out of the Company’s remaining 1997 unappropriated revenue sharing balance.  Idaho Power proposes that the prospective 1999 NEEA payments be funded out of the 1998 revenue sharing balance if sufficient funds are available.  If not, the Company will apply to the Commission for a funding resolution for the 1999 payments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, in support of its Application, Idaho Power filed the testimony of Margaret Gardner, Executive Director of NEEA and Company employees Darlene Nemnich and Gregory Said.  The Company requested that its Application be handled under 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 no later than Friday, December 11, 1998.  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:

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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 Idaho Power may file response comments no later than December 23, 1998.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of November 1998.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

November 16, 1998