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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR RECOVERY OF ITS REMAINING DEFERRED DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT CONSERVATION EXPENDITURES. | ))))))) | CASE NO. IPC-E-98-16NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF SCHEDULINGNOTICE OF HEARING |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 14, 1998, the Idaho Power Company  (Idaho Power; Company) filed an Application for an Order authorizing the Company to use, if available, 1998 revenue sharing amounts to fund the Company’s remaining deferred demand side management (DSM) conservation expenditures attributable to the Idaho jurisdiction which are not yet being amortized.

In Order No. 27660, Case No. IPC-E-97-12, the Commission granted Idaho Power’s Application to increase its rates to allow for the accelerated recovery of the Company’s outstanding DSM expenditures.  The Commission authorized Idaho Power to increase its rates to reflect an amortization of 12 years.  The Commission denied from recovery, however, the Company’s investment in its commercial lighting program (CLP) incurred after the 1995 calendar year.  Petitions for Reconsideration of the Commission’s decision to accelerate the amortization of Idaho Power’s DSM were filed and subsequently denied.  That specific aspect of the Commission’s Order No. 27660 is now pending appeal before the Idaho Supreme Court in Docket No. 25055.

Idaho Power now wishes to provide the evidence of prudence for its CLP expenditures that the Commission ruled was lacking in the Company’s 1997 filing.  The remaining Idaho jurisdictional DSM balance for which the Company now seeks recovery is $2,125,800, which includes the CLP expenditures of $274,000, actual expenditures for DSM programs incurred since August 1997 (the cut-off date used in Case No. IPC-E-97-12) and estimated payments for the Company’s final agricultural choices program expenditures.

Idaho Power proposes that the amount of the estimated payments for the agricultural choices program be set aside from the determined 1998 revenue sharing amount.  As payments for the agricultural choices program are made, the payments would be credited against the revenue sharing balance.  These payments would be reported to the Commission Staff and any monies that were not required to reimburse the Company for agricultural choices expenditures would then be available for disbursement as the Commission would require.  If the amount set aside is too low, the Company would file a proposal to recover the additional amount required.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application together with supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits, 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 HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has adopted the following schedule in this case:

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| Deadline for filing interventionDeadline for filing direct testimony and exhibits of Commission Staff and IntervenorsDeadline for filing rebuttal testimony and exhibits of Idaho Power Company  | January 29, 1999February 19, 1999March 12, 1999 |

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing in this case on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1999, COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE OFFICES OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.  Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance of the kind that the Commission is obligated to provide under the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in or to understand the testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing.  The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of January 1999.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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January 11, 1999