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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UTAH POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF NEW TARIFF PROVISIONS RELATING TO NEW SERVICE ATTACHMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION LINE INSTALLMENTS OR ALTERATIONS. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. UPL-E-96-4  NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE  NOTICE OF SCHEDULING  NOTICE OF HEARING |

On August 16, 1996, Utah Power and Light Company (Utah Power; Company), a division of PacifiCorp, filed an Application (Tariff Advice No. 96-08) for approval of modification to its Tariff No. 28, Rules 2 and 12 and Schedule 300 providing for charges for the construction of distribution line installations or operations, commonly referred to as the “line extension policy.”  Utah Power proposes to shift more of the cost from new service and distribution line installation or alterations from the system revenue requirement to the new customer requesting the connection. The Company states that the current policy provides for allowances that are not economically justified and that it provides subsidies to some customers at the expense of others.

There are two primary changes being proposed to Utah Power’s line extension policy.  First is a reduction in the allowances provided by the Company.  The proposed rules provide free terminal facilities for residential applicants and an allowance of one-times the estimated annual revenue for non-residential applicants.  The second major change the Company is proposing is to implement a contract tracking charge on a two-year trial basis.  Under the proposal, customers that pay an advance for new line construction would be assessed a contract tracking charge.  The customers would then have the option of: (1) waiving their rights to possible refunds in the event additional customers connected to the line, in which case the Company would waive the contract tracking charge, or (2) retain their right to refunds and pay a charge.

The Company sought an effective date for Tariff Advice No. 96-08 of  September 16, 1996.  On September 11, 1996, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Order No. 26607 suspending the effective date of the tariff for 30 days plus five months.

NOTICE OF HEARING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a technical hearing on Utah Power’s Application on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1996, AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO, (208) 334-0300. The purpose of this hearing is to take evidence of the parties in this case.   YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in Case No. UPL-E-96-4 for the purpose of participating in the case, presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to Rules 72 and 73 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.072-073.  The deadline for filing a Petition to Intervene in Case No. UPL-E-96-4 is Wednesday, October 9, 1996.  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 to other parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has adopted the following procedural schedule in this case:

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| Deadline for prefiled direct testimony  and exhibits of Utah Power  Deadline for prefiled direct testimony  and exhibits of Staff and Intervenors  Deadline for prefiled rebuttal testimony  and exhibits-- All Parties | October 29, 1996  November 12, 1996  November 26, 1996 |

There will be no discovery deadlines imposed in this case. The parties are directed to act in good faith in submitting and responding to discovery requests and shall expedite their responses to the extent possible.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that prepared testimony and exhibits of all parties must be served upon the Commission and all parties of record by the dates specified above. The prepared testimony and exhibits must conform to the requirements of Rules 230 through 231 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedures, IDAPA 31.01.01.230-231.  In addition to paper copies of prepared testimony, testimony in this case must be submitted in computer-readable ASCII format.  IDAPA 31.01.01.231.05.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that  the Commission may schedule a public hearing at a later date.  Notice will be issued at that time pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Procedure.  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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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 61 of the Idaho Code.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this day of September 1996.

Jean Jewell

Assistant Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

September 23, 1996