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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PACIFICORP DBA UTAH POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO DISCON-TINUE ITS RESIDENTIAL WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. UPL-E-96-6  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF MODIFIED           PROCEDURE  ORDER NO.  26675 |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 23, 1996, PacifiCorp doing business as Utah Power & Light Company (Utah Power), filed an Application for authority to discontinue its existing residential weatherization program set forth in the Company’s Schedule 21.  This program provides a home energy audit and assistance in the form of a 70% grant on the cost-effective amount for qualifying energy efficiency measures not to exceed 70% of the actual cost of the weatherization work.  The Company requests to discontinue this program due to low participation.  Utah Power states that only eight customers took advantage of the program in 1994 and seven customers in 1995.  Three households have completed the program this year through September 30, 1996.  The average rebate to Utah Power customers during the period January 1, 1994 through September 30, 1996, was $561.

Utah Power states that the weatherization program costs are high.  According to the Company, the administration and field work which includes the audit, analysis and inspection after the weatherization work has been completed, are estimated to be approximately $440 per home.  Based on the program’s low participation rate, along with its purported cost inefficiency, Utah Power is requesting to discontinue this service to existing residential customers.  The Company requests an effective date of November 22, 1996.

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 FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. UPL-E-96-6.  The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that the issues raised by the Application may be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing.  Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission may not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

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 within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Notice.  The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment.  Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the deadline, the Commission will consider the matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing.  If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its Order on the basis of the written positions before it.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

Written comments concerning this application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

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All comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application in Case No. UPL-E-96-6 can be reviewed at the Commission’s office and at the Idaho offices of during regular business hours.

O R D E R

Because Utah Power has requested an effective date for the suspension of its weatherization program of November 22, 1996, it will not be possible to process the Company’s Application and provide any meaningful opportunity for parties to comment without suspending that proposed effective date.  Pursuant to Idaho Code § 61-622 and Rule 123 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq., therefore, we hereby suspend the Company’s Application for a period of thirty (30) days plus five (5) months or until such time as we issue an Order resolving the Company’s Application in this case.

IT IS  HEREBY ORDERED that Utah Power’s Application for authority to discontinue its residential weatherization program is suspended for a period of thirty (30) days plus five (5) months from the date of this Order or until such time as a final Order is issued resolving the Company’s Application.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of November 1996.

                                                                                                                                      RALPH NELSON, PRESIDENT

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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November 7, 1996