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

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| IN THE MATTER OF PACIFICORP DBA UTAH POWER & LIGHT COMPANY’S 1995 ELEC­TRIC RESOURCE AND MARKET PLANNING PROGRAM (RAMPP-4) UPDATE. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. UPL-E-97-1  NOTICE OF FILING  NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE  NOTICE OF COMMENT/  PROTEST DEADLINE |

On November 27, 1995, PacifiCorp dba Utah Power & Light Company (Utah Power; Company) in Case No. UPL-E-95-5 filed its 1995 electric Resource and Market Planning Program (RAMPP-4; IRP) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission).  By Minute Entry signed December 31, 1996, the Commission accepted the Company’s RAMPP-4 and closed the docket.  In its Minute Entry, the Commission acknowledged that the Company’s filing complied with the Commission’s direction in Order No. 22299 issued January 27, 1989, which requires Utah Power to file a biennial Resource Management Report describing the status of the Company’s electric resource planning.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 16, 1996, Utah Power submitted, in what was later designated Case No. UPL-E-97-1, a RAMPP-4 Update (Update).  Due to increasing competition and government actions, the Company notes that the electric utility industry is moving from regulated monopolies to competitive markets.  Six major events in 1996, the Company states, have affected planning: FERC Orders 888 and 889, regional outages, independent system operator (ISO) developments, resolution of Centralia emission reductions, the Northwest Comprehensive Review, and California restructuring.  Changes within the industry, the Company contends, require changes in the IRP process.  The Company represents that the purpose of the filed Update is to assess changing market conditions based on more current information and to provide an up-to-date assessment of cost-effective DSM and the timing for resource decisions.  The new base case for the Company shows a need for a new cogeneration resource unit in year 2002.  The Update also indicates a reduction of the DSM target for 1997 from 25 MWa, identified in RAMPP-4 as cost effective, to 15.7 MWa.

The Commission is apprised that the Update filed in this case is not intended to replace the Company’s 1997 RAMPP-5 which will be filed later this year.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. UPL-E-97-1.  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 Company’s filing 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 deadline for filing written comments or protests with respect to Utah Power’s RAMPP-4 update and the use of Modified Procedure in Case No. UPL-E-97-1 is Friday, May 16, 1997.  Interested parties in this case may avail themselves of discovery rights (production requests or written interrogatories) pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.221 et seq.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written protests or comments are received within the deadline, the Commission will consider the matter on its merits and may 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. UPL-E-97-1 should be mailed to the Commission and the Company 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 Company’s RAMPP-4 update may be viewed during regular business hours at the offices of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and at the Idaho offices of PacifiCorp dba Utah Power & Light Company.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this day of March 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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