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Hand-Delivered

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

PO Box 83720

Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re:  Staff Prefiled Direct Testimony in Case No. USW-S-96-5

Dear Myrna,

Enclosed with this cover letter is the direct prefiled testimony of 10 Staff witnesses in the above referenced case.  None of the prefiled testimony contains any alleged proprietary or confidential material but Staff does have four proprietary exhibits.  Staff witnesses Lansing, Schneider, Baldwin, and Carlock each have an exhibit that contains allegedly proprietary material.  Under the terms of the parties’ Protective Agreement, the “proprietary exhibits” are being provided to the Commission under seal.

Staff is filing an original and 10 copies of its prefiled testimony.  Staff suggests that distribution of the 10 copies will be made in the following manner:

3 Commissioners – public documents plus three sets of sealed proprietary material

1 Court Reporter – just public documents

1 Staff Working File – just public documents

2 Legal Division – just public documents

3 other Staff distribution – just public documents

If you have any questions concerning the handling of the proprietary exhibits, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc:  Parties of Record

Enclosure