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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HIDDEN SPRINGS WATER CO., LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.    IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UNITED WATER IDAHO INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO AMEND AND REVISE CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 143. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. GNR-W-97-2  CASE NO.  UWI-W-97-3  ORDER NO.  27239 |

On November 10, 1997, Hidden Springs Water Co., LLC (Hidden Springs) filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in Case No. GNR-W-97-2 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to serve the proposed Hidden Springs community in Ada County, Idaho.  United Water Idaho Inc.  has a pending Certificate Application before the Commission to serve the same area.  Reference Case No. UWI-W-97-3.  Hidden Springs requests that the two cases be consolidated.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.247.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case Nos. GNR-W-97-2 and UWI-W-97-3.  The Commission finds that the identified cases present issues that are related, and that consolidation of the proceedings is appropriate for purposes of economy and efficiency and to avoid building redundant records.  The Commission further finds that consolidation of proceedings will not prejudice the rights of the respective parties.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission has jurisdiction over United Water Idaho Inc. a water utility, and Hidden Springs Water Co., LLC a certificate applicant, and the issues raised in Case Nos.  GNR-W-97-2 and UWI-W-97-3 pursuant to Title 61, Idaho Code and the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

O R D E R

In consideration of the foregoing and as more particularly described above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion of Hidden Springs Water Co., LLC to consolidate Case Nos.  GNR-W-97-2 and UWI-W-97-3 is granted.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  day of November 1997.

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

                                                                                           RALPH NELSON, COMMISSIONER

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

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Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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