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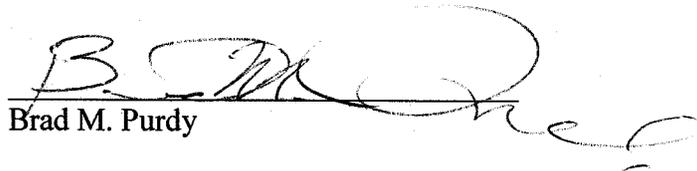
Ms. Jean Jewell
Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington
Boise, ID 83702

Re: Case No. UWI-W-09-1: United Water Idaho's General Rate Case

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed, please find an original and seven (7) copies of Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho's Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced proceeding.

Yours truly,


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3. CAPAI is a non-profit corporation consisting of six community action agencies serving every county in Idaho and also includes, among others, the statewide Community Council of Idaho (formerly the Idaho Migrant Council) and fights the causes and conditions of poverty through building the capacity and effectiveness of its members who have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. These causes and conditions of poverty include high utility costs for United Water Idaho, Inc.'s low income rate payers. Low income families pay a higher percentage of their income for utility expenses than those in other economic categories. These conditions are often caused by living in sub-standard or older housing that is not energy or utility efficient. CAPAI is the only party who typically intervenes in proceedings before the Commission; specifically representing public utilities' low-income customers. Consequently, it is fair to say that CAPAI has filled an important role that long stood vacant. CAPAI believes that it fulfills an important role in this, and similar proceedings, and without the opportunity to participate as a party in this proceeding, would be unable to fulfill that role.

4. CAPAI respectfully requests the right to participate in this proceeding as a party and introduce testimony and exhibits, cross-examine other witnesses, engage in oral argument, file comments, and otherwise fully participate as a party.

5. It is CAPAI's policy to only participate in cases where it believes that its involvement will aid the Commission in reaching evenly balanced decisions and where CAPAI's participation adds to the substantive analysis of the case without unduly expanding the scope of the proceeding. CAPAI submits that its participation in this proceeding would meet these criteria.

As CAPAI has often pointed out to the Commission, its ability to participate in proceedings before the Commission is limited by available money and other resources.

WHEREFORE, the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho hereby requests that this Commission grant its Petition to Intervene in this proceeding and to fully appear and participate as a party with all the attendant rights and responsibilities.

DATED, this 8th day of October, 2009.



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