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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE CONNECTION  FEES  OF UNITED WATER IDAHO INC.  AND OTHER RELATED ISSUES INCLUDING RATE DESIGN. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. UWI-W-96-4  ANSWER OF COMMISSION STAFF TO MOTION OF BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH­WEST IDAHO FOR EXTEN­SION OF TIME TO FILE TESTIMONY |

COMES NOW the Commission Staff by and through its attorney of record, Scott D.  Woodbury, and by way of Answer pursuant to Rule 57.03 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, recommends that an extension of time to file testimony, if granted pursuant to the pending Motion of the Building Contractors Association of Southwest Idaho (Contractors), be extended to all parties of record.  Staff acknowledges that United Water Idaho Inc. has been late in providing complete responses to discovery requests.  Pursuant to the procedure agreed to by the parties and adopted in this case, a simultaneous prefile of direct testimony was envisioned.  No procedure has yet been adopted for rebuttal testimony and the Contractors should not be permitted to turn their direct case into a rebuttal case.  It is suggested, that all parties in this case would benefit from the full participation of the Contractors and the results of their reasoned consideration and independent analysis and suggestions regarding the issues of line extension and hook up charges.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of November 1996.

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CERTIFICATE  OF  SERVICE

I  HEREBY  CERTIFY  THAT  I  HAVE  THIS 25th DAY  OF NOVEMBER  1996,  SERVED  THE  FOREGOING ANSWER OF COMMISSION STAFF TO MOTION OF BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH­WEST IDAHO FOR EXTEN­SION OF TIME TO FILE TESTIMONY IN  CASE  NO. UWI-W-96-4 BY  MAILING  A  COPY  THERE­OF,  POSTAGE  PREPAID,  TO  THE  FOLLOWING:

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