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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF UNITED WATER IDAHO INC.  AND ITS ABILITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICE AND WATER QUALITY. | )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. UWI-W-96-6  AMENDED NOTICE OF SCHEDULING  ORDER NO.  26810 |

On November 7, 1996, the Commission issued Order No. 26673 initiating this case.  The Commission’s Order allowed a 75-day discovery period and directed the Staff to file a report by February 20th detailing the nature and extent of the Company’s water quality problem, the Company’s efforts to address the problem (technical and customer relations), and alternatives for mitigating or eliminating the problem (including estimated costs).

On February 14, 1997, Commission Staff filed a Motion requesting a 90-day extension of time for filing its final investigative report.  Reference Rules 56 and 256.02 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure.  Staff contends that additional time is needed to conduct further investigation and explore various solutions with United Water.  Accompanying Staff’s Motion is a status report detailing Staff’s preliminary analyses of water quality problems, alternative solutions, costs incurred, customer complaints and complaint processing.  On February 18, 1997, United Water Idaho Inc. filed a reply to Staff’s Motion expressing no objection to the requested extension, and indicating that the Company will continue to cooperate with Staff’s investigation.

Commission Findings

The Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. UWI-W-96-6, including Staff’s Motion for Extension of Time, the accompanying status report, and the reply of United Water.  There being no objection to the continuance, and based on our review it appearing that the requested continuance is for good reason, we find it reasonable to grant Staff’s Motion for Extension of Time.

Accordingly, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff shall now have until Wednesday, May 21, 1997 to file with the Commission its final investigative report in Case

No. UWI-W-96-6 detailing the nature and extent of the Company’s water quality (iron and manganese) problem, the Company’s efforts to address the problem (technical and customer relations) and alternatives for mitigating or eliminating the problem (including estimated costs).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter and United Water Idaho Inc., a public water utility, pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Code, Title 61, 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 for reasons more particularly described above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Staff’s Motion for Extension of Time be granted and that the foregoing amended scheduling be adopted.

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

                                                                                                                                      RALPH NELSON, PRESIDENT

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DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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February 24, 1997