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

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| 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. UWI-W-97-1NOTICE OF APPLICATIONNOTICE OF MODIFIED          PROCEDURENOTICE OF COMMENT\ PROTEST DEADLINE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 21, 1997, United Water Idaho Inc. (United Water; UWI; Company) filed an  Application in Case No UWI-W-97-1 with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting authorization to amend and revise its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No.143 (as amended) by enlarging and extending its certificate service area boundaries to include the Ada County residential subdivision of Duncan’s Landing and surrounding development in close proximity thereto, an area contiguous to its present system and certificated territory.  Ref. Application-Exhibit C legal description; Idaho Code 61-526; Commission Rules of Procedure IDAPA 31.01.01.112.

United Water contends that the area requested is not within the authorized territories of any other public utility water corporation under the jurisdiction of the Commission and will not interfere with the operation of any water utility corporation under the Commission’s jurisdiction.  The Company contends that there are no known public utilities, persons or corporations with whom the expansion is likely to compete.

United Water represents that it has entered into a year to year water supply agreement with the city of Garden City, whereby, until such time as United Water constructs its own facilities to serve the Duncan’s Landing subdivision and surrounding areas, the Company has obtained an adequate source of supply to provide potable domestic water service to the area of expansion.  (Maximum daily consumption .50 mgd; maximum monthly consumption 15 mgd @ $.35 per 1,000 gallon delivered) Ref. Application Exhibit B.

Facilities within the Duncan’s Landing Subdivision, the Company represents, will be financed and acquired in accordance with Company Rules and Regulations Governing the Rendering of Water Service and Water Main Extensions.  Customers within the area of expansion will take service at the rates and upon the terms the conditions contained in United Water’s rate schedules and Rules and Regulations Governing the Rendering of Water Service, as the same exist or may hereafter be amended and approved by the Commission.

United Water contends that the requested extension is consistent with the public convenience and necessity.  United Water contends that the proposed expansion will not burden the Company’s existing body of ratepayers.

United Water requests that its Application be considered and approved on an expedited basis.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has preliminarily found that the public interest in this matter may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that the issues raised by the Company’s filing may be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing.  Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the deadline for filing written comments or protests with respect to United Water’s Application and the use of Modified Procedure in Case No. UWI-W-97-1 is Wednesday, April 23, 1997.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written protests or comments are received within the deadline, the Commission may consider the matter on its merits and may enter its Order without a formal hearing.  If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its Order on the basis of the written positions before it.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. UWI-W-97-1 should be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

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All comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company’s Application in Case No. UWI-W-97-1, together with a map of the proposed expansion area and a copy of the water supply agreement with the city Garden City, may be viewed during regular business hours at the offices of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho, and at the general business office of United Water Idaho Inc., 8248 West Victory Road, Boise, Idaho (UWI telephone (208) 362-1704).

DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of April 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

April 2, 1997