(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  NOTICE OF SCHEDULING  NOTICE OF HEARING |

On June 16, 1997, United Water Idaho, Inc.  (United Water; Company) filed an Application in Case No. UWI-W-97-3 with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting authorization to amend and revise its Certificate area service boundaries in Ada County to include the proposed Hidden Springs Community, an area in the Dry Creek Valley and contiguous to its present system and certificated territory.  Reference Application Exhibit A, Map of Proposed Boundary Expansion and Exhibit C, Legal Description; Idaho Code 61-526; Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.112.

On November 10, 1997, Hidden Springs Water Co., LLC (Hidden Springs) filed a competing Application in Case No. GNR-W-97-2 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide water service to the same area.  Reference Application Exhibits D & E, Maps of Proposed Community and Service Area; Exhibit B, Legal Description; Idaho Code § 61-526; Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.111.

The Hidden Springs Community, the requested service area in Case Nos. UWI-W-97-3 and GNR-W-97-2, will consist of approximately 915 residential units, a limited amount of commercial development (approximately 100,000 square feet), and public facilities including a school, community center, park, playing fields and fire station.

The Commission consolidated Case Nos. UWI-W-97-3 and GNR-W-97-2 in Order No. 27239 issued November 26, 1997.

A prehearing conference in consolidated Case Nos. GNR-W-97-2 and UWI-W-97-3 was held in Boise, Idaho on December 15, 1997.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to agreement of the parties and the Commission, the following scheduling has been adopted:

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| January 20, 1998  February 6, 1998  February 19, 1998 | Prefile deadline—direct testimony  Hidden Springs  Prefile deadline—direct testimony  United Water  Prefile deadline—rebuttal testimony  Hidden Springs |

Pursuant to agreement, all prefile dates are “in-hand” dates.  The prepared testimony and exhibits must conform to the requirements of Rules 266 and 267 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.266-267.

The parties are apprised that discovery is available pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.221-234.  The parties should coordinate discovery requests and responses so that they are able to comply with the established prefile deadlines.  Given the expedited scheduling adopted, it is expected that the standard 28 day response deadlines will be shortened and the parties will utilize “best efforts” in responding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene a public hearing in consolidated Case Nos. UWI-W-97-3 and GNR-W-97-2 commencing at 9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1998, AT THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON, BOISE, IDAHO, and continuing if necessary on Wednesday, February 25, 1998, at the same location.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.  Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance of the kind that the Commission is obligated to provide under the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in or to understand the testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing.  The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this day of December 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

December 19, 1997