(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-97-2CASE NO.  UWI-W-97-3NOTICE OF APPLICATIONNOTICE OF CONSOLIDATIONNOTICE OF INTERVENTION                  DEADLINENOTICE OF PREHEARING            CONFERENCE |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 10, 1997, Hidden Springs Water Co., LLC (Hidden Springs) filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in Case No. GNR-W-97-2 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to serve the proposed Hidden Springs community in Ada County, Idaho.  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 community 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.  Hidden Springs contends that the area requested is not within the authorized territory of any other water utility corporation under the Commission’s jurisdiction.

As reflected in its Application, Hidden Springs intends to construct all facilities (including all transmission mains, boosters, and the reservoir), necessary for providing water service.  Hidden Springs estimates that the construction cost of the facilities will be between $6 million and $7 million.  Hidden Springs represents that for the first eight years of certificated service, its rates and charges will not exceed 85% of the standard rates and charges of United Water Idaho Inc.  Hidden Springs contends that issuance of the requested Certificate is required by and consistent with the public convenience and necessity.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that United Water Idaho Inc. has a pending Certificate Application before the Commission to serve the same area.  Reference Case No. UWI-W-97-3.  Hidden Springs requests that the two cases be consolidated.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.247.  The Commission has agreed to Hidden Springs’ request and in Order No.27239 consolidated Case Nos.  GNR-W-97-2 and UWI-W-97-3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the respective Applications and related exhibits in Case Nos. GNR-W-97-2 and UWI-W-97-3 can be reviewed at the Commission’s office during regular business hours.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to intervene in Case Nos. GNR-W-97-2 and UWI-W-97-3 for the purpose of becoming a party, i.e., to present evidence, to acquire rights of cross-examination, to participate in settlement or negotiation conferences,  and to make and argue motions must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to Rules of Procedure 72 and 73 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073.  The deadline for filing a Petition to Intervene in Case Nos. GNR-W-97-2 and UWI-W-97-3  is Thursday, December 11, 1997.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to present their views without parties’ rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or to other parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a prehearing conference in Case Nos. GNR-W-97-2 and UWI-W-97-3 for the purposes of reviewing case status, identifying issues and establishing further procedure is scheduled for MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1997, COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO (208) 334-0300.

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.

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 communications with reference to Case Nos. GNR-W-97-2 and UWI-W-97-3 should be served upon the following representatives of United Water and Hidden Springs:

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DATED at Boise, Idaho this                  day of November 1997.

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

November 26, 1997