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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICA­TION OF UNITED WATER IDAHO INC.  AND THE CITY OF EAGLE FOR APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL CON­TRACT FOR SUPPLY OF WATER TO THE CITY OF EAGLE. | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. UWI-W-97-4  NOTICE OF APPLICATION  NOTICE OF MODIFIED  PROCEDURE  NOTICE OF COMMENT/ PROTEST DEADLINE  ORDER NO.  27081 |

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 11, 1997, United Water Idaho Inc.  (United Water) and the City of Eagle (Eagle; City) filed a Joint Application (Application) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of a special contract (Agreement) for supply of water to the City of Eagle.  The Agreement recites that the City of Eagle desires to obtain an additional source of water, including fire protection purposes, to serve its water customers, and that United Water is willing and able to provide to the City additional water and supplemental fire flow.  The Agreement and Application recite that water will be priced at United Water’s metered tariff rates, i.e., tariff schedule No. 1.  The term of the Agreement is one year with automatic extensions for one year periods unless terminated by either party providing twelve months prior written notice.

The City and United Water have requested interim approval of the Agreement for fire flow protection.  Interim approval is requested effective August 1, 1997, the date on which the City expects to require water for service to its customers.  The City and United Water also request pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure that this Application be processed by Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing.  Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.  The City and United Water submit that approval of the Agreement is in the public interest and that the rates and charges set forth in the Agreement are fair, just and reasonable.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. UWI-W-97-4.  The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest 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.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure  and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used.  Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the deadline for filing written comments or protests with respect to the Application and the use of Modified Procedure in Case No. UWI-W-97-4 is Wednesday, August 20, 1997.  Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written protests or comments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no protests or comments are received within the deadline, the Commission may consider the matter and enter its Order without a hearing.  If protests or comments are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and 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 FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning this Application must be mailed to the Public Utilities Commission, United Water and the City of Eagle at the following addresses:

COMMISSION SECRETARYTO: UNITED WATER IDAHO INC.

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONc/o MICHAEL T.  SPINK, ESQ.

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BOISE, IDAHO  83702-5983c/o JOHN MCFADDEN

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999 MAIN STREET, STE 910

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BOISE, ID 83702

All comments filed should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first pageof this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and accompanying Agreement have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission at the specific request of the City of Eagle finds it reasonable to grant interim approval of the underlying Agreement for purpose of fire flow protection for effective date August 1, 1997.  The Company and the City are apprised, however, that any extension of facilities prior to final Order in this case is done with risk that the Agreement may not be approved, and as pertains United Water that the Commission may deny recovery of related investment.

O R D E R

In consideration of the foregoing and as more particularly qualified above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the water supply Agreement submitted in Case No. UWI-W-97-4 between United Water and the City of Eagle is approved on an interim basis for purpose of fire flow protection effective August 1, 1997.   Such approval is subject to subsequent and further final Order of the Commission accepting, rejecting or modifying the Joint Application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the procedure and scheduling described above is adopted.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this                  dayof July 1997.

                                                                                                                                      DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

                                                                                           RALPH NELSON, COMMISSIONER

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Office of the Secretary

Service Date

July 31, 1997