(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 REVISE AND INCREASE RATES CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE | )  )  )  )  ) | CASE NO. UWI-W-97-6  ORDER NO.  27280 |

Hidden Springs Water Co., LLC and Hidden Springs Community, LLC (collectively Hidden Springs) petitioned to intervene in this case on December 10, 1997, pursuant to Rules of Procedure 71 through 75 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-75.  Hidden Springs in its Petition represents that its participation will not unduly broaden the issues or otherwise burden the Commission or any party to this proceeding.

United Water Idaho Inc. filed a response to Hidden Springs’ Petition to Intervene on December 18, 1997.  United Water contends that it would unduly broaden the issues in this proceeding to permit Hidden Springs to inject issues regarding consolidated certificate Case Nos. GNR-W-97-2 and UWI-W-97-3 and the right to serve the Hidden Springs area.  If Hidden Springs is precluded from doing same, United Water does not otherwise object to Hidden Springs’ intervention.

FINDINGS OF FACT

We note United Water’s concerns regarding the consolidated certificate case.  We find that no other party filed comments regarding this Petition to Intervene.  Based on our review of the underlying Application of United Water we find that the case as pertains United Water and Hidden Springs presents no issues regarding right to serve the Hidden Springs area.

We further find that based on the pleadings and other documents filed in this case, intervention by this party would serve the purposes of intervention as described by Rule 74 of the Rules of Procedure and should be granted.

O R D E R

In consideration of the foregoing and as qualified above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petition to Intervene filed by Hidden Springs Water Co., LLC and Hidden Springs Community, LLC is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties in this proceeding serve all papers hereafter filed in this matter on all parties of record.  This Intervenor is represented by the following for purposes of service:

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

                                                                                DENNIS S. HANSEN, PRESIDENT

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Commission Secretary

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**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

December 24, 1997