DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO:

COMMISSIONER REDFORD COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMISSIONER KEMPTON COMMISSION SECRETARY

COMMISSION STAFF

FROM:

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DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATE:

OCTOBER 15, 2008

SUBJECT:

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S INQUIRY ABOUT ENERGY AFFORDABILITY ISSUES AND WORKSHOPS, CASE NO.

GNR-U-08-01

The Commission initiated this case to examine issues surrounding energy affordability. On September 29, 2008, a Notice of Public Workshops was issued. The Notice did not contain a deadline for intervention. Utilities were directed to take part in the workshops, and all other interested customers and organizations were encouraged to participate. The Notice set out a schedule and provided an opportunity for public comment. The workshop format was chosen for this proceeding to allow any and all persons/parties to participate.

On October 3, 2008, the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI) filed a Petition to Intervene. Its petition states that "CAPAI intends to participate in this proceeding as a party and introduce testimony and exhibits, cross-examine other witnesses, engage in oral argument, file comments, and otherwise fully participate as a party."

No other party has petitioned to intervene.

COMMISSION DECISION

1. Does the Commission wish to grant CAPAI's petition to intervene?

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