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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD’S PROPOSED ABANDONMENT  OF THE GAY BRANCH BETWEEN FORT HALL AND GAY IN BANNOCK AND BING­-HAM COUNTIES, IDAHO. | ))))) | CASE NO. UP-RR-96-2STAFF COMMENTS |

COMES NOW the Commission Staff by and through its attorney of record, Susan E. Hamlin, Deputy Attorney General, and hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the Staff report for Case No. UP-RR-96-2 (copy attached) as its comments.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this               day of September 1996.

                                                                          Susan E. Hamlin

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CERTIFICATE  OF  SERVICE

I  HEREBY  CERTIFY  THAT  I  HAVE  THIS 25th DAY  OF SEPTEMBER 1996,  SERVED  THE  FOREGOING STAFF COMMENTS,  IN  CASE  NO.  UP-RR-96-2,  BY  MAILING  A  COPY  THEREOF,  POSTAGE  PREPAID,  TO  THE  FOLLOWING:

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