Pricing Supplement No. 3 Dated December 10, 1998 (To Prospectus dated April 22, 1998 as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement dated April 24, 1998) Filing under Rule 424(b)(3) Registration No. 333-39551

THE WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY Medium-Term Notes, Series C

Principal amount: \$14,000,000

Redeemable: Yes No X

Original Interest Accrual Date: December 10, 1998

Stated Maturity: December 10, 2007

Interest Rate: 5.99%

Interest Payment Dates: April 1 and October 1
Regular Record Dates: March 15 and September 15

Reduction Percentage: Redemption Limitation Date:

Initial Redemption Date:

Initial Redemption Price:

Holder's Option Redemption Date(s):

Redemption Price:

OID: Yes No X

Total Amount of OID (%): Yield to Maturity (%): Initial Accrual

Period OID (%): (Constant - Yield Method)

Use of Proceeds: To reduce short-term debt.

Other Provisions: N/A

As used herein, "N/A" means "Not Applicable".

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