Pricing Supplement No. 18
Dated September 25, 1997
(To Prospectus dated January 12, 1994 as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement dated January 19, 1994)

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$250,000,000

THE WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY

Secured Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal amount ($): $15,000,000
Original Issue Date: September 30, 1997
Stated Maturity Date: October 2, 2000
Interest Rate (%):  6.24
Issue price (%):  100.00
Selling Agent's commission (%):.350
Net proceeds to Company (%):   99.650
Form:Book-Entry [X]
Certificated

Subject to General Redemption
(at general redemption prices)
Yes    No [X]
Initial Redemption Date: N/A
Redemption Limitation Date:  N/A
Initial Redemption price (%):  N/A
Reduction Percentage:  N/A

Subject to Special Redemption
(at special redemption prices)
Yes    No [X]
Initial Redemption Price: N/A
Reduction Percentage: N/A

Use of Proceeds: A/S

Additional terms: N/A

"N/A" as used herein means "Not Applicable". "A/S" as used herein means "As stated in the Prospectus referred to above".

Goldman, Sachs & Co.
PaineWebber Inc.
Smith Barney Inc.