

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S)	
CONSIDERATION OF FOUR)	CASE NO. GNR-E-08-04
AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 111 OF THE)	
PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY)	NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
POLICIES ACT OF 1978 (PURPA))	
CONTAINED IN THE ENERGY)	NOTICE OF
INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT OF)	COMMENT DEADLINE
2007.)	

On December 19, 2007, the President signed into law the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA, the Act). The EISA amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA)¹ by adding four new federal standards related to: (1) integrated resource planning (IRP); (2) rate design modifications to promote energy efficiency investments; (3) consideration of smart grid investments; and (4) smart grid information. The EISA also adds a new section (§ 374) to the Energy Policy Conservation Act (EPCA) establishing a standard for disposition of excess power from waste energy recovery projects.²

Pursuant to the mandates proscribed within the Act, the Commission issued a Notice of Inquiry on December 16, 2008, to consider the four new PURPA standards contained in the EISA. Order No. 30705. Avista Utilities, Idaho Power Company, and PacifiCorp responded to the Commission's inquiry. Wal-Mart was the only entity to request placement on the service list to receive filings made in conjunction with this case.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene a public workshop for the purpose of reviewing the utilities' written comments and allowing other interested persons to present written/oral comments. The purpose of the workshop is to determine if there is consensus about: Adopting the federal standards; adopting comparable standards; whether the Commission has already adopted the standard/comparable standards; or whether the Commission should not implement the federal standards. The public workshop will

¹ Codified at 16 U.S.C. § 2621.

² The EISA provision amending the Energy Policy and Conservation Act regarding waste energy recovery does not require an implementation proceeding by a specified date. On the contrary, the new EPCA provision requires that the state hold a separate proceeding for each request made by a project owner or sponsor. EPCA § 374(a)(1).

commence at **9:30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009, IN THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074
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E-Mail: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this matter may file a **written comment** in support or opposition with the Commission **no later than May 20, 2009**. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Responsive comments** by the utilities must be received **no later than May 29, 2009**. Written comments concerning this matter shall be mailed to the Commission and the parties at the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. E-mail comments should also be sent to the parties at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

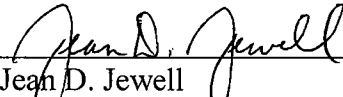
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the materials filed with the Commission during this case are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The materials may also be viewed on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on "File Room" and then "Electric Cases" under case number GNR-E-08-04.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under the Energy Independence and Security Act of

2007; Title 61 of the Idaho Code; and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-302, 61-307, 61-336, and 61-507. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000, *et seq.*

DATED at Boise, Idaho this 9th day of April 2009.



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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