BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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)	CASE NO. GNR-E-09-03
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)	NOTICE OF
)	FURTHER SCHEDULING
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)	ORDER NO. 30922
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On August 6, 2009, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) opened a generic docket (Case No. GNR-E-09-03) to assess the continued viability of the Commission's existing proxy unit or surrogate avoided resource (SAR) methodology for calculating published avoided cost rates. Specifically, the Commission noticed its intent to explore the continued reasonableness of using published avoided cost rates as presently calculated for all QF resource types.

As reflected in the Commission's August 6, 2009 Notice, the appropriateness of a single avoided cost SAR methodology for published rates is being re-examined in the context of PURPA and FERC requirements and the comparative and different generation and operation capabilities of resources being offered to Idaho utilities, e.g., capacity factor, dispatchability, intermittency.

To establish a basis for discussion and analysis and to determine the nature and scope of further procedure, the Commission solicited input from Avista, Idaho Power, and PacifiCorp and other interested parties. Specifically, the Commission sought answers to questions posed in its Notice. The deadline for filing written comments was September 18, 2009. Timely comments were filed by Idaho Power, Avista, PacifiCorp, Idaho Wind Farms, Sagebrush Energy, and Commission Staff. Idaho Forest Group filed a Motion on September 21, 2009, for late acceptance of comments and concurrence with comments filed by Sagebrush Energy. RP 56. Idaho Forest Group contends that the late filing of the concurrence will not prejudice the rights of any party or cause undue delay to this proceeding. The Commission agrees and finds it reasonable to grant Idaho Forest Group's Motion and accept its comments.

On September 29, 2009, the Exergy Development Group filed reply comments. No schedule for reply comments was established by the Commission. Exergy filed no motion

requesting that its comments be accepted. The Commission is informed that if Exergy's comments are to be considered, Idaho Power requests the opportunity to file sur-reply to respond to factual allegations and legal issues raised by Exergy in its reply brief. This docket being in the nature of an exploration or reassessment of the SAR methodology, the Commission has no desire to reject the comments of Exergy as being untimely and outside the schedule of comments solicited. Accordingly, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission finds it reasonable to establish the following further scheduling in Case No. GNR-E-09-02:

Friday, October 16, 2009

Sur-reply deadline (to Exergy Reply Comments)

ORDER

For reasons set forth above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion of Idaho Forest Group for permission to late-file is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing scheduling be adopted.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 5th day of October 2009.

JIM-D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

Out of the Office on this Date MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jean D. Jewell

Commission Secretary

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