

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF A REVIEW OF THE)	
SURROGATE AVOIDABLE RESOURCE)	CASE NO. GNR-E-09-03
(SAR) METHODOLOGY FOR)	
CALCULATING PUBLISHED AVOIDED)	AMENDED NOTICE OF
COST RATES)	PUBLIC WORKSHOP
)	
)	ORDER NO. 32091

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 Qualifying Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facility (QF) resource types. 18 C.F.R. § 292.101(6).

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 requirements¹ and the comparative and different generation and operation capabilities of resources being offered to Idaho utilities, e.g., capacity factor, dispatchability, intermittency. Written comments were solicited. Reply comments were authorized. All comments are available for review at the Commission's office, 472 W. Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and on the Commission's web site www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

At the direction of the Commission, Staff prepared a straw man wind SAR proposal earlier this year and distributed it to a small universe of interested parties (QFs and utilities) for their review and comment. (The straw man proposal was attached to the Commission's earlier Notice of Public Workshop issued October 6, 2010, and is now available attached to that Notice on the Commission's web site.) It was a starting point proposal intended to generate discussion of its strengths and weaknesses and to provoke the formulation of new and better proposals. Those comments are also available for review at the Commission's offices and on its web site.

¹ The Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) and the implementing regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) (18 C.F.R. § 292).

On October 6, 2010, the Commission formally noticed the straw man proposal, scheduled an October 26, 2010 public workshop regarding same and set a November 23, 2010 deadline for written comments. Staff informs the Commission that it is necessary to change the date of its public workshop so that all key Staff personnel can be present.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the public workshop to be held by Staff for a discussion of the straw man wind SAR proposal is rescheduled for **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010, COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM, 472 W. WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.** Persons wishing to participate telephonically may dial toll-free **(888) 706-6468; when prompted, enter Participant Code 472404.** The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal and to provoke and entertain the generation of new and better proposals.

The **deadline for filing written comments** regarding the straw man wind SAR proposal remains unchanged, **Tuesday, November 23, 2010.**

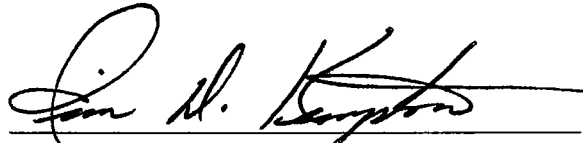
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony 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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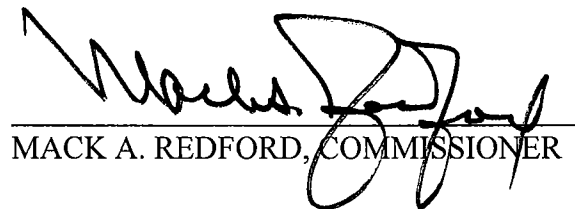
ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing and as more particularly described above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED and the Commission does hereby adopt the foregoing amended schedule for public workshop in Case No. GNR-E-09-03.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 14th
day of October 2010.


JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT


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