

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S)	
REVIEW OF PURPA QF CONTRACT)	CASE NO. GNR-E-11-03
PROVISIONS INCLUDING THE)	
SURROGATE AVOIDED RESOURCE (SAR))	NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENT
AND INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING)	ON IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S
(IRP) METHODOLOGIES FOR)	MOTION FOR A TEMPORARY
CALCULATING PUBLISHED AVOIDED)	STAY
COST RATES.)	
)	ORDER NO. 32495

On September 1, 2011, the Commission initiated this proceeding to review the terms of PURPA power purchase agreements including, but not limited to, the surrogate avoided resource (SAR) and Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) methodologies for calculating avoided cost rates. Order No. 32352. On November 2, 2011, the Commission issued a Notice of Scheduling outlining the procedural schedule for the case. Order No. 32388. The case has been proceeding according to schedule.

On March 12, 2012, Idaho Power Company filed a Motion for a Temporary Stay of its Obligation to Enter into New Power Purchase Agreements with Qualifying Facilities other than pursuant to its Schedule 86. Idaho Power requests that the Commission find that (1) the evidence set forth in GNR-E-11-03 establishes *prima facie* proof that Idaho Power's current avoided cost rates are not accurate; (2) without adequate interim relief from its duty to purchase output from QFs at inaccurate avoided cost rates, Idaho Power's customers are likely to suffer substantial harm; (3) the balance of harms favors granting interim relief compared to not granting such relief; and (4) good cause exists to grant immediate relief on an interim basis. Idaho Power's Motion was accompanied by an Affidavit of Randy Allphin. On March 15 and 16, 2012, Idaho Power also filed the Affidavits of Lisa Grow, Mark Stokes, Karl Bokenkamp, and William Hieronymus in support of its Motion. Idaho Power requests that a stay become effective March 15, 2012.

PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power filed a Request to Join and Response to Idaho Power's Motion. The Idaho Conservation League, Snake River Alliance, Exergy, and J.R. Simplot Company each filed responses in opposition to Idaho Power's Motion and asked that the request for a stay be dismissed in its entirety.

Idaho Power's Motion for Stay was considered at the Commission's March 19, 2012, decision meeting. In order to give all parties to the case an adequate opportunity to respond to the assertions made by Idaho Power, but in consideration of the expedited nature of Idaho Power's request, the Commission ordered that an oral argument be held Wednesday, March 21, 2012. IDAPA 31.01.01.254 and .256.02.

NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene a hearing for oral argument in this case on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012, AT 9:30 A.M. (Mountain Time) IN THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission wishes the parties to address the following issues:

- 1) Whether Idaho Power has established a *prima facie* case for emergency relief from its obligation to purchase QF power through the use of the Surrogate Avoided Resource (SAR) and Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) methodologies;
- 2) Whether the existing schedule in the GNR-E-11-03 case (as set out in Order No. 32388) should be modified to expedite the proceedings and outcome; and
- 3) What action, if any, should be taken on Idaho Power's Motion for Stay.

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

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and oral arguments 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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that an oral argument be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room.

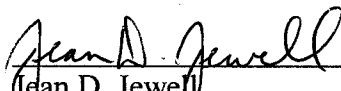
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 19th day of March 2012.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


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