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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS INTERIM)
AND BASE RATES AND CHARGES FOR)
ELECTRIC SERVICE.)
_____)
CASE NO. IPC-E-03-13
OBJECTION TO THE FIRST
PRODUCTION REQUEST OF
THE COMMISSION STAFF TO
IDAHO POWER COMPANY
RELATING TO THE COMPANY'S
PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

On June 23, 2004, the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Staff") sent a production request to Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") requesting that the Company perform a study relating to one of the items Idaho Power identified in its June 15, 2004 petition for reconsideration. The Staff's production request asks the Company to complete the study and provide its response to the first production request on or before Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

Idaho Power believes that this production request is premature because the Commission has not granted the Company's petition for reconsideration. In fact,

the Commission has until July 13, 2004, to decide whether or not it will grant reconsideration.

Idaho Power recognizes that if the Commission grants reconsideration, the time period for completing the reconsideration process is compressed. As a result, the Company understands why the Commission Staff has initiated this production request even though it is premature.

While the Company objects to the Staff's request as being premature, and as such does not believe it is obligated to produce the requested information on or before July 14, 2004, the Company is analyzing the request with the intent that if the Commission grants reconsideration, the Company can respond to the production request in a timely manner.

Staff's first production request asks Idaho Power to perform a study that it has not previously performed. The scope of the requested study is extremely broad and would require a substantial amount of effort to complete. If the Commission grants reconsideration, Idaho Power will expeditiously meet with Staff to informally discuss the scope of the request and obtain guidance on several assumptions the Company believes will need to be made in order to be responsive to the Staff's first production request.

DATED at Boise, Idaho, this 29th day of June, 2004.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29th day of June, 2004, I served a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing OBJECTION TO PRODUCTION REQUEST upon the following named parties by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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