

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FILED )  
BY IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR )  
MODIFICATION OF TWO PRIOR ORDERS TO )  
PERMIT CONSOLIDATION OF THE )  
COMPANY'S CONSERVATION AND DEMAND )  
SIDE MANAGEMENT (DSM) REPORTING )  
REQUIREMENTS INTO A SINGLE )  
CONSOLIDATED REPORT. )**

**CASE NO. IPC-E-03-19**

**ORDER NO. 29419**

On December 19, 2003, Idaho Power filed a Petition urging the Commission to modify the reporting requirements contained in two prior Commission Orders. In Order No. 22299 issued in January 1989, the Commission directed all electric utilities to submit a "Conservation Plan" no later than April 15 of each year. In Order No. 29026 issued in May 2002, the Commission required Idaho Power to file an annual "DSM Plan" by January 30 each year. The DSM Plan details the Company's conservation activities including the Energy Efficiency Advisory Group's (EEAG) recommendations, the Company's responses to the EEAG recommendations, program costs, and information on new DSM opportunities. Petition at 2. We grant the Petition.

**THE PETITION**

The Company requests that the Commission authorize the Company to consolidate its Conservation Plan and DSM Plan into a single report that would be filed annually. The Company maintains that consolidation of the information contained in these two plans would eliminate duplication and would be more efficient for the Company. *Id.* at 3. The Company asserts that consolidation would result in a single public report containing "all the information relating to Idaho Power's conservation and DSM efforts." *Id.*

If the Commission approves consolidating the two plans, the Company suggests that the consolidated report be filed no later than March 15 of each year. This would provide the Company with sufficient time in which to retrieve year-end information on DSM activities and audit the DSM tariff rider funds. If approved, Idaho Power would file its first consolidated report no later than March 15, 2004.

The Company also suggested that this matter be processed under Modified Procedure.

### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

The Staff does not oppose the Company's Petition and believes that it is appropriate to consolidate the two separate reporting requirements. The Staff also believes that it is reasonable to set the filing deadline no later than March 15 of each year, with the first report due no later than March 15, 2004.

Although the Company proposed that this matter may be processed under Modified Procedure, the Staff suggests that Modified Procedure is unnecessary. The Staff asserts the Commission may simply grant the Petition because the Company seeks only procedural relief instead of substantive relief. *See e.g.*, Procedural Rule 256.03, IDAPA 31.01.01.256.03.

### **DISCUSSION**

*Idaho Code* § 61-624 provides that the Commission may rescind, alter or amend any Order or decision made by the Commission. This section also provides that the affected utility must be notified and provided an opportunity "to be heard" before amending a prior Order. In this case, it is the utility requesting that the Commission amend two prior Orders.

Based upon our review of the Petition and the Staff's comments, we find that it is reasonable to consolidate the Company's Conservation Plan and its DSM Plan into a single report. We find that consolidating these reporting requirements into a single report will conserve resources and be more efficient. The new filing deadline for this consolidated report shall be no later than March 15 of each year.

Given the procedural nature of the requested relief, we conclude that it is unnecessary to process this Petition under Modified Procedure or schedule a public hearing. Based on the foregoing, we find it is reasonable to alter the reporting requirements contained in Order Nos. 22299 (as they pertain to Idaho Power) and 29026. *Idaho Code* § 61-624.

### **ORDER**

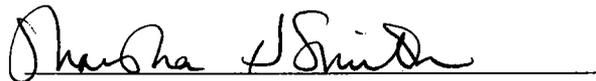
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Idaho Power Company's Petition to consolidate its Conservation Plan and DSM Plan into a single report is granted. The Company shall file its new Conservation and DSM Report no later than March 15 each year.

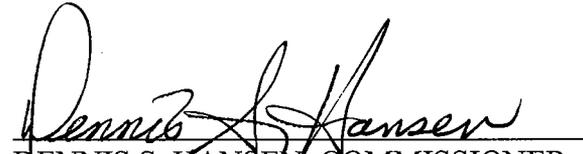
THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order (or in issues finally decided by this Order) issued in this Case No. IPC-E-03-19 may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order previously issued in this Case

No. IPC-E-03-19. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

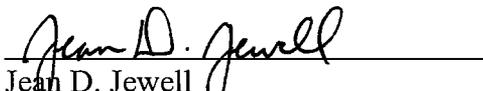
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2004.

  
PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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