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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

U.S. GEOTHERMAL, INC.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	CASE NO. IPC-E-04-08
)	
vs.)	
)	ANSWER
IDAHO POWER COMPANY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

COMES NOW, Idaho Power Company (hereinafter referred to as "Idaho Power" or "Respondent"), by and through its attorneys of record, and hereby files its answer to the Complaint of U.S. Geothermal, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Geothermal" or "Complainant"). Idaho Power herewith admits and denies the allegations contained in the Complaint as follows:

I.

Idaho Power admits the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Complaint.

II.

Idaho Power admits it has held discussions with Geothermal. Idaho Power is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the balance of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Complaint.

III.

Idaho Power admits it has exchanged drafts of Agreements with Geothermal. Idaho Power denies the balance of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Geothermal's Complaint.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Geothermal has not stated a claim for relief which can be granted and the Complaint should be denied by the Commission.

SERVICE

Communications with reference to this case should be sent to the following:

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DATED at Boise, Idaho, this 19th day of April, 2004.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 19th day of April, 2004, I served a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing ANSWER upon the following named parties by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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