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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

BOB LEWANDOWSKI and MARK)	CASE NO. IPC-E-04-10
SCHROEDER,)	CASE NO. IPC-E-04-08
)	
Complainants,)	RESPONSE OF IDAHO POWER
)	COMPANY TO LEWANDOWSKI
vs.)	AND SCHROEDER MOTION TO
)	CONSOLIDATE OR IN THE
IDAHO POWER COMPANY, an Idaho)	ALTERNATIVE FOR LEAVE TO
Corporation,)	INTERVENE AND MOTION TO
)	AMEND COMPLAINT
Respondent.)	
_____)	

COMES NOW, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "the Company"),
by and through its attorneys, and hereby supports the Motion filed by Bob Lewandowski
and Mark Schroeder seeking to consolidate the proceedings on their Complaint (IPC-E-
04-10) with the Complaint filed by U.S. Geothermal (IPC-E-04-08).

Because Schroeder and Lewandowski are now seeking to amend their Complaint to include the third count in U.S. Geothermal's Complaint, the major issues raised by both Complaints are virtually identical. The principal remaining differences between the two complaints appear to be (1) interconnection issues arising out of the fact that U.S. Geothermal's Raft River Project is physically located in the service area of the Raft River Co-op, and (2) U.S. Geothermal's request that the Commission order Idaho Power to purchase generation from the Raft River Project at the published rates approved for QF's smaller than 10 MW even though U.S. Geothermal's Raft River Project has a capacity larger than 10 MW.

Lewandowski's and Schroeder's respective projects would be directly interconnected with Idaho Power's system and have capacities less than 10 MW.

It seems to Idaho Power that if the two cases were consolidated, the issues that are unique to U.S. Geothermal's complaint can be easily separated from the issues that are common to both complaints.

Under the circumstances, Idaho Power does not believe it is either necessary or desirable for the Commission to conduct two separate proceedings when both of the Complaints seek a resolution of the same issues.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of May, 2004.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 20th day of May, 2004, I served a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing RESPONSE OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY TO LEWANDOWSKI AND SCHROEDER MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE AND MOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT upon the following named parties by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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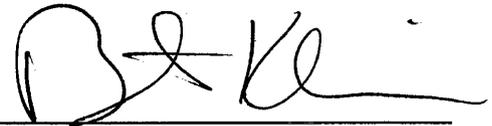
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