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Idaho Power seeks approval of Tamarack agreement

Boise – Idaho Power is asking the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to approve a \$2.7 million agreement between the utility and Tamarack Resort for new electric facilities to serve a four-seasons resort under construction in Valley County. The project is located in an area where Idaho Power does not have adequate existing facilities to meet anticipated demand.

Tamarack developers have already paid Idaho Power \$1.8 million for the first two phases of the project, which, when complete will include substations as well as underground and overhead facilities and lines to interconnect with Idaho Power's existing transmission system. Remaining costs for the project will be paid from contributions and electrical revenues from other new customers who will attach to the facilities to receive service.

The resort complex includes 2,000 housing units, about 272,000 square feet of commercial space, a golf course, ski lifts and other recreational amenities. When complete, Tamarack will require an electrical load of about 20 megawatts. One megawatt is enough power to energize between 750 and 1,000 homes.

The commission is taking written comment regarding Idaho Power's proposal through July 16. Persons wishing to submit comments can do so via e-mail by accessing the commission's homepage at www.puc.state.id.us and clicking on "Comments & Questions." Fill in the case number (IPC-E-04-12) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

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