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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION)
CONCERNING ISSUES RELATED TO IDAHO) **CASE NO. IPC-E-04-23**
POWER COMPANY'S COST OF SERVICE)
STUDY.) **MOTION FOR**
) **EXTENSION OF TIME**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of Record, Donald L. Howell, II, Deputy Attorney General, and requests that the Commission grant a 60-day extension of time for the parties in this proceeding to file a report concerning Idaho Power Company's cost of service.

BACKGROUND

In Idaho Power's 2004 rate case, the Commission noted that several parties raised legitimate questions regarding components of Idaho Power's cost of service. Order No. 29505 at 47. Consequently, the Commission initiated this proceeding to allow interested parties to examine several issues related to the Company's cost of service study. The Commission directed that the interested parties submit a "final report" containing their recommendations "to the Commission no later than February 28, 2005." *Id.* Pursuant to this directive, the Commission issued a Notice of Public Workshop in October 2004. The parties conducted three workshops – the last of which was held on February 25, 2005. A draft final report is currently circulating among the parties for review, revisions and approval.

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Although the Staff believes that the workshops have produced more detailed information and generally raised the level of knowledge about Idaho Power's cost of service study, the parties are not yet in a position to approve the final report. Consequently, the Commission Staff on behalf of the Company, the Irrigators, and Staff request that the Commission postpone the date that the report is to be submitted.

At the last workshop, the parties discussed the progress of this case and the likelihood of reaching consensus. A draft final report has been prepared and compiled. The parties are currently in the process of reviewing and revising the draft final report and require additional time to compile an agreeable final report. Consequently, the parties recommend that the Commission postpone the due date for the final report until June 29, 2005.

PRAYER

The Commission Staff respectfully requests that the Commission postpone the due date of the final report until June 29, 2005.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of April 2005.



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