

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S REQUEST) CASE NO. IPC-E-04-24
FOR AN ACCOUNTING ORDER TO)
RECOVER CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
EXPENSES FOR THE WINTER OF 2004-)
2005.) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
) PROCEDURE
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)
) ORDER NO. 29622**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 21, 2004, Idaho Power Company filed an Application for an accounting order to allow recovery for costs of its cloud seeding program for the winter of 2004-2005. The Application states that the Company has operated a cloud seeding program for a number of years and that the Commission did not allow recovery of its expenses in the Company's recent rate case. The Company filed with its Application additional information that it asserts demonstrates scientifically measured benefits of the Company's cloud seeding program during the winter of 2003-2004. Noting that the Company has funded two years of cloud seeding without any cost recovery, the Application states Idaho Power would like to be able to recover its costs associated with continuing its program during the winter of 2004-2005.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power is not asking the Commission to defer expenditures associated with the cloud seeding program on a long-term basis, but is requesting only that the Commission authorize the Company to defer the expenses associated with the program during the upcoming winter. The Company estimates those costs to be approximately \$950,000, which the Company proposes to capture "on the same ninety percent-ten percent (90%/10%) ratio by which other power supply expenses are shared between customers and shareholders in the PCA." Idaho Power included with its Application prefiled direct testimony to provide additional information on the results of its cloud seeding program.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application together with supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits, have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and

testimonies (excluding exhibits) are also available on the Commission's Website at www.puc.state.id.us under the "File Room" icon.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.state.id.us. Click the "Comments and

Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Applicant at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

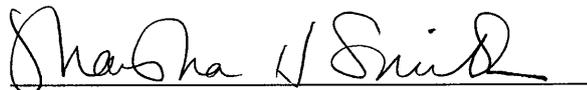
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Idaho Power for an accounting order to allow recovery for costs of its cloud seeding program for the winter of 2004-2005 be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 3rd day of November 2004.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

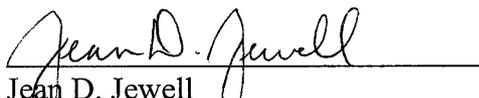


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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