

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR) **CASE NO. IPC-E-04-29**
AUTHORITY TO REVISE THE ENERGY)
EFFICIENCY RIDER, TARIFF SCHEDULE) **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to provide the funding necessary to support continuing and proposed demand side management (DSM) programs, Idaho Power Company filed an Application on December 6, 2004 for authority to increase the Energy Efficiency Rider (Rider). The Company proposes an increase from .5 percent of base revenues to 1.5 percent effective June 1, 2005, with a subsequent increase to 2.4 percent effective June 1, 2007. The Application also seeks authorization to provide a self-directed option to Schedule 19 (industrial) customers and special contract customers for implementation of DSM programs and projects. Additionally, the Application requests authority to change the method through which the Rider is assessed on customer bills from a cents-per-kilowatt-hour charge to a percentage of base revenue charge.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that according to the Application the current Rider of .5% of the base revenue generates approximately \$2.6 million annually. The Company states that since implementation of the Rider in May 2002, it has funded numerous DSM programs, training seminars, research studies, education workshops, and pilot programs. Input from the Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG) formed in May 2002 has been instrumental in the implementation of the various DSM programs and studies.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company has identified six DSM programs in its 2004 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) as part of the preferred portfolio of resources to meet the Company's resource needs over the ten-year IRP planning horizon. According to the Application the expected cost of implementing these six programs over the 2005-2009 time period increases from \$5,503,040 in 2005 to \$10,843,547 in 2009. The Company also estimates an expected cost for its other various DSM programs, administrative costs, research and studies, as well as continued involvement in the Distribution Efficiency Initiative to be \$4,375,000 over the 2005-2009 time period. Additionally, Idaho Power has entered into a new agreement with the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance for the period of 2005 through 2009. (Idaho Power joined the Alliance in 1996, as part of its DSM efforts, to support regional energy efficiency market transformation, and its existing contract expires on December 31, 2004.) The expected cost for the Idaho jurisdiction share of the Alliance funding over the five-year contract period is \$4,392,800.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application also states that as a result of the Company's work with its Schedule 19 (industrial) customers and Commission Staff that it is requesting authorization to provide a "self-directed" option to Schedule 19 customers whereby funds assessed through the Rider would be tracked by the customer with 100 percent of the funds made available to the customer for implementation of DSM programs and projects. Additionally, Idaho Power proposes this same "self-directed" option also be made available to the Company's special contract customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in order to provide the funding necessary to support these DSM programs, Idaho Power is requesting authorization to collect additional funds equivalent to 1.5 percent of base revenues effective June 1, 2005 and an additional increase in the Rider to 2.4 percent of base revenues effective June 1, 2007. The Company is also requesting authority to change the method through which the Rider is assessed on customers' bills from a cents-per-kilowatt-hour charge to a percentage of base revenue charge. The Company requests this change be assessed uniformly for all customers taking retail service.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application filed in Case No. IPC-E-04-29 may be viewed online at www.puc.state.id.us by clicking on "File Room" and "Electric

Cases,” or it can be viewed during regular business hours at the offices of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filing of record in Case No. IPC-E-04-29. The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented in this case and that issues raised by the Company’s filing may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. In so doing, the Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission may not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used. IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no protests or written comments are received within the deadline, the Commission will consider the matter and enter its Order without a hearing. If protests or comments are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and may, in its discretion, set the matter for hearing or decide the matter and issue its Order on the basis of the written positions before it. IDAPA 01.01.01.204.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons interested in participating in this proceeding by either submitting and/or receiving written comments must notify the Commission Secretary in writing that they desire to be placed on a service list and Notice of Parties. **Persons desiring to participate in this case must notify the Commission Secretary no later than January 12, 2005** and shall provide the Commission Secretary with their service address, as well as their electronic mail addresses. The Commission Secretary shall then issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed.

NOTICE OF COMMENT/PROTEST DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **the deadline for filing written comments or protests** with respect to the Application and the Commission’s use of Modified Procedure in

Case No. IPC-E-04-29 is **February 16, 2005**. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written protests or comments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. IPC-E-04-29 should be mailed to the Commission and to Idaho Power Company at the addresses reflected below.

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street Address For Express Mail:
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Boise, ID 83702-5983

Barton L. Kline
Monica B. Moen
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Idaho Power Company
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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 homepage 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 Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed above.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over Idaho Power Company, its Application for Authority to Revise the Energy Efficiency Rider, Tariff Schedule 91, and the issues involved in this case by virtue of Title 61, *Idaho Code* and the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented in this case and that issues raised by the Company's filing may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission

rather than by hearing. IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. In so doing, the Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

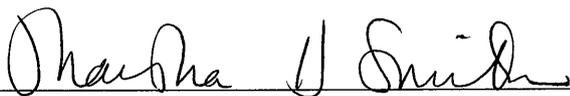
ORDER

IT IS HERBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments regarding this case or protesting the use of Modified Procedure should do so no later than February 16, 2005.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons interested in participating in this proceeding by either submitting and/or receiving written comments must notify the Commission Secretary in writing no later than January 12, 2005 and shall provide the Commission Secretary with their service address and electronic mail address. The Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after this deadline for intervention has passed.

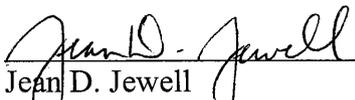
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 4th day of January 2005.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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