

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
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COMMISSIONER HANSEN  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
COMMISSION STAFF  
LEGAL

**FROM:** KIRA DALE PFISTERER

**DATE:** JUNE 10, 2005

**RE:** PETITION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AN ORDER PROVIDING A LIMITED WAIVER OF UTILITY CUSTOMER RELATIONS RULES 201.03 AS IT IS APPLIED TO TIME-VARIANT PRICING SERVICE. CASE NO. IPC-E-05-19.

On June 2, 2005, Idaho Power Company filed a Petition with the Commission requesting an Order providing Idaho Power with a limited waiver of Utility Customer Relations Rule 201.03 to accommodate the meter data translation system used to implement the time-variant pricing associated with Idaho Power's Schedules 4, 5, and 19.

### BACKGROUND

On March 22, 2005, the Commission approved two optional, pilot projects implementing time-variant pricing for residential customers: Schedule 4, Residential Service Energy Watch Pilot Program, and Schedule 5, Residential Service Time-of-Day Pilot Program. Order No. 29737. These programs, as well as Schedule 19, Large Power Service, utilize advanced meter reading (AMR) to facilitate time-variant pricing.

The AMR system collects the customers' hourly usage data and, to implement time-variant pricing, a data translation system accumulates this data into appropriate time periods (e.g., on-peak, mid-peak, and off-peak). As a result, customers will receive bills that display their total energy consumption but do not display the beginning and ending meter readings, as required pursuant to Utility Customer Relations Rule 201.03. In order to provide such information, Idaho Power would have to modify its data translation system. Modifying the meter data translation system, which is owned and maintained by a third party, would be costly and, according to Idaho Power, is not economically feasible.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Petition be processed by Modified Procedure.

**COMMISSION DECISION**

Should Idaho Power Company's Petition for an Order Providing A Limited Waiver of Utility Customer Relations Rule 201.03 as Applied to Time-Variant Pricing Service be processed by Modified Procedure?



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