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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS BASE RATES) CASE NO. IPC-E-05-28
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE)
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PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Idaho Public Utilities Commission Rules of Procedure 53 and 71 through 73, and Commission Order No. 29919, NW Energy Coalition (“Coalition”) hereby seeks intervention in the above-captioned matter. As discussed below, the Coalition has a direct and substantial interest in these proceedings, and therefore should be granted intervention.

The NW Energy Coalition is a non-profit regional alliance of over 100 diverse environmental, civic, consumer, low-income customer advocacy groups, energy efficiency and renewable energy businesses, and progressive utilities in Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon. NW Energy Coalition’s main address is: 219 First Ave South, Suite 100, Seattle, WA 98104.

In Idaho, the Coalition has numerous individual and organizational members including the League of Women Voters, Idaho Rural Council, Idaho Rivers United, Idaho

Conservation League, Snake River Alliance, and various community action agencies in Idaho. NW Energy Coalition's members (and its members' members) include customers of Idaho Power Company. NW Energy Coalition advocates for increased energy conservation efforts, sustainable and ecologically-sound management of electric generating infrastructure, increased reliance on renewable sources of energy, and appropriate rate design policies consistent with these goals, all of which ensure low-cost power and rate stability for all utility customers.

NW Energy Coalition is active in ongoing processes with Idaho Power Company. Nancy Hirsh (Policy Director for the Coalition) sits on the Company's Energy Efficiency Advisory Group. The undersigned counsel (a member of NW Energy Coalition's Executive Board) participates in the Company's 2006 Integrated Resource Plan Advisory Group.

NW Energy Coalition has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding because Idaho Power Company's requested rates and rate design will adversely impact its interests (and the interests of its members) in ensuring appropriate incentives exist for the Company to provide cost-effective energy efficiency services and efficient electric portfolio management at the lowest possible costs. Further, NW Energy Coalition asserts that reasonable changes to Idaho Power Company's proposals in this case could benefit both the Company and its customers.

The Coalition seeks intervention in order to fully participate in this matter as a party and otherwise to present such materials as may be relevant to the Commission's decision(s) in this matter. The Coalition intends to seek intervenor funding pursuant to RP 161 through 165.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that NW Energy Coalition requests all documents in this matter be served to the following persons:

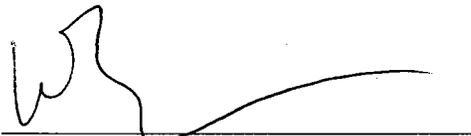
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WHEREFORE, NW Energy Coalition respectfully requests that the foregoing petition to intervene be granted.

Dated: December 6, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Eddie', written over a horizontal line.

William M. Eddie, Attorney
Advocates for the West

On behalf of NW Energy Coalition

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 6th day of December 2005, true and correct copies of the foregoing PETITION TO INTERVENE were delivered to the following persons via the method of service noted:

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