

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)	CASE NO. IPC-E-05-28
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS BASE)	
RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC)	NOTICE OF PUBLIC
SERVICE IN THE STATE OF IDAHO)	WORKSHOPS
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)	ORDER NO. 29957

On October 28, 2005, Idaho Power Company filed an Application seeking authority to increase its electric rates for all customers an average of 7.8%. If approved, the Company's revenues would increase \$43,947,847 annually. The Company has requested that new rates become effective on June 1, 2006. Idaho Power serves about 450,000 customers in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon.

On November 22, 2005, the Commission issued its Notice of Application and a deadline for intervention. Order No. 29919. The initial Notice of Parties was issued on December 21, 2005. Order No. 29919 also provided that after the Notice of Parties was issued, the parties were to meet informally to devise a recommended schedule to process this case.

THE PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On January 5, 2006, the parties convened a telephonic scheduling conference. The following parties participated in the conference: Idaho Power, Commission Staff, Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, Industrial Customers of Idaho Power, Micron Technology, the U.S. Department of Energy, Northwest Energy Coalition, and Kroger Company. The parties participating in the scheduling conference agreed upon a proposed schedule and recommended that the Commission set the technical hearing for the week of April 24, 2006. After reviewing the proposed schedule, the Commission found that holding the technical hearing the week of April 24 did not provide sufficient time to review the record, deliberate, and issue an Order. The

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Commission suggested that the technical hearing be held the week of April 10 and the parties agreed. Based upon the agreement of the parties, the Commission adopts the proposed schedule with modifications as set out in greater detail below.

DATE	ACTION
January 23-24, 2006	Staff public workshops
January 27, 2006	Deadline for initial discovery to Idaho Power
February 1, 2006	Staff public workshop
February 7 and 16, 2006	Settlement Conferences for the parties at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room (telephonic available)
February 24, 2006	Deadline for Company's last response to discovery
March 3, 2006	Staff and Intervenor prefile testimony
March 27, 2006	Idaho Power rebuttal testimony; Staff and Intervenor rebuttal testimony
April 10-13, 2006	Technical hearing in Boise
April 11, 24 and 26, 2006	Public hearings
May 24, 2006	Commission Order anticipated

The parties also agreed to serve documents (discovery, testimony, pleadings) among themselves by electronic mail with a single hard copy to be provided the next business day to counsel for each party. An original and eight (8) copies of prefiled testimony and exhibits shall be filed with the Commission Secretary. The e-mail addresses for the parties are contained in the separate Amended Notice of Parties issued January 18, 2006.

NOTICE OF STAFF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff will hold a series of public workshops for Idaho Power customers. The purpose for the public workshops is to provide customers with an overview of the Company's rate case Application and dispense information. At the workshops, customers will have an opportunity to ask questions of the Staff regarding the Company's rate case. Representatives of Idaho Power may also be available. The Staff will hold its first public workshop on **MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. IN**

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THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO (208) 334-0300.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff will hold a second public workshop on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE POCATELLO CITY HALL, 911 NORTH SEVENTH STREET, POCATELLO, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff will hold a third public workshop for Idaho Power customers on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 305 THIRD AVENUE EAST, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and 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 supporting documents are also available on the Commission's Website at www.puc.idaho.gov under the "File Room" icon and then "Electric Cases."

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene a technical hearing in this matter at **9:30 A.M. MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006 IN THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO (208) 334-0300** and continuing during the remainder of the week. Parties intending to present testimony and exhibits shall do so at the technical hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the prepared testimony and exhibits shall conform to the requirements of Rules 231, 266, and 267 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.231, 266, 267. The parties' assigned exhibit numbers are set out in the separate Amended Notice of Parties.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene three (3) public hearings in this matter. The purpose of the public hearings is to take testimony from members of the public. The first public hearing will convene on **TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a second public hearing will convene on **MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE POCA TELLO CITY HALL, 911 NORTH SEVENTH STREET, POCA TELLO, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a third public hearing will convene on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 305 THIRD AVENUE EAST, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and workshops in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
PO BOX 83720
BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074
(208) 334-0338 (Telephone)
(208) 334-3762 (FAX)
E-Mail: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

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 specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-302, 61-307, 61-502, 61-503, 61-507, 61-622, and 61-623. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties comply with the case schedule set out in the body of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that service among the parties be accomplished by electronic mail pursuant to Rule 63, IDAPA 31.01.01.063. In addition to service by electronic

mail, the parties shall serve a hard copy of all filed documents to arrive no later than the next business day on counsel for each party.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that when parties submit prefile testimony to the Commission Secretary, they include an original and eight (8) paper copies of the testimony pursuant to Rule 61.03, IDAPA 31.01.01.061.03.

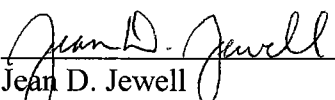
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 20th day of January 2006.


PAUL KJELLAAKER, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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