

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER'S APPLICATION TO CONTINUE ITS TIME OF USE
ENERGY PRICING PILOT PROGRAMS – CASE NO. IPC-E-06-5

On March 3, 2006, Idaho Power filed an Application for authority to continue its two time-of-use energy pricing pilot programs for customers in the Emmett Valley. The pilot programs were initially approved in March 2005. Order No. 29737, Case No. IPC-E-05-2. The programs were scheduled to expire on April 1, 2006. The Company proposed to extend the programs for an additional year, allowing those that participated in 2005 to continue if they so desire and also soliciting new participants. The Company also proposed some changes to the availability of the programs, and the rates in the time-of-day pricing categories.

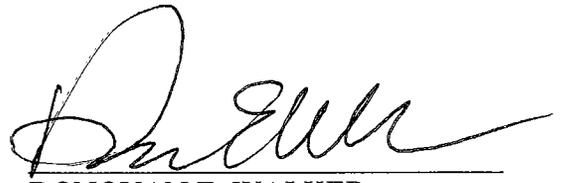
On March 15, 2006, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and authorized the pilot programs to continue past the April 1, 2006 expiration date. Order No. 30001. The Commission directed Staff to advise on the need for further proceedings once the Company filed its report regarding the pilot programs. *Id.* The Company filed its report on March 29, 2006.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Company's Application and report. Because the Company requires some lead time prior to June 1, 2006, in which to implement changes Staff recommends a 14-day public comment period on the Company's Application with comments due May 1, 2006. Staff anticipates that its comments will be filed prior to May 1. The Company requested Modified Procedure in its Application, and stated that a determination on the case by mid to late April would provide sufficient lead-time to allow activation of the new programs by June 1, 2006.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Modified Procedure with a 14-day comment period?



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