

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )**  
**OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AN ) CASE NO. IPC-E-06-6**  
**ACCOUNTING ORDER ADDRESSING THE )**  
**DEFERRAL OF COSTS RELATED TO THE ) NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**DEVELOPMENT OF GRID WEST )**  
**) NOTICE OF**  
**) MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
**)**  
**) ORDER NO. 30082**

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on April 4, 2006, Idaho Power Company filed an Application requesting an accounting order from the Commission authorizing the deferral of costs the Company incurred relating to the development of a regional transmission organization (RTO). Idaho Power alleges it participated in efforts to develop an RTO, now called Grid West, pursuant to orders issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Application states that Pacific Northwest electric utilities have been involved in the RTO development process since 2000, and that the costs incurred by the utilities were to be repaid through surcharges on customers after the RTO became operational. It now appears the development of Grid West is unlikely, and Idaho Power requests authorization to defer the amounts it loaned to Grid West, with interest, in the development process. An accounting order authorizing deferral of costs does not establish reasonableness or the amount of the costs to be recovered in rates.

Idaho Power states its expenditures relating to the development of Grid West fall into two categories. The first category is costs incurred in the form of loans to Grid West under a series of funding agreements. The second category of Idaho Power's development costs are internal incremental costs, which consist of the disbursement of cash and payment of costs in addition to amounts loaned to Grid West. Idaho Power states it has loaned a total of \$1,274,158 to Grid West and expended a total of \$2,594,318 in incremental internal costs. Idaho Power states the Idaho jurisdiction of the total amount loaned and expended is \$3,350,874.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules

of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. 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 any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within forty-five (45) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application may be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

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

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472 W. Washington Sreet  
Boise, ID 83702-5983

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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 home page located at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

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 or on the Commission's Website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) under the "File Room" icon.

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 that the Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

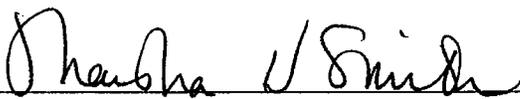
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

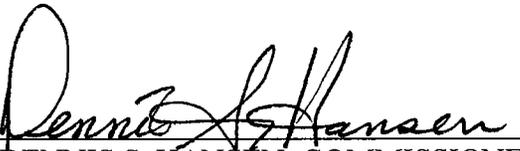
**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Idaho Power to defer the costs related to the development of Grid West be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than 45 days from the service date of this Order.

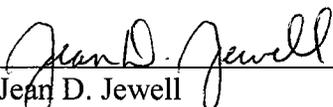
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
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DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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