

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF</b>	)	
<b>IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. IPC-E-06-8</b>
<b>MODIFICATION OF THE LOAD GROWTH</b>	)	
<b>ADJUSTMENT FACTOR WITHIN THE</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF PETITION</b>
<b>POWER COST ADJUSTMENT (PCA)</b>	)	
<b>METHODOLOGY</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF</b>
	)	<b>INTERVENTION DEADLINE</b>
	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 30044</b>

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On April 13, 2006, Idaho Power Company filed a Petition to modify the “method for determining the load growth adjustment rate, which is one of the components used to determine Idaho Power’s [annual] Power Cost Adjustment [(PCA)] rate.” Petition at 1. The load growth adjustment rate or factor is typically a reduction to power supply expenses within the PCA. The load growth adjustment is included as a component in the PCA’s true-up computations.

In Idaho Power’s recent rate case settlement Stipulation, the parties agreed “that the PCA load growth rate issue will be addressed contemporaneously with the Company’s upcoming PCA” Application. Stipulation at ¶ 6(d), Case No. IPC-E-05-28. Consequently, Idaho Power filed the present case in compliance with the Stipulation. On May 12, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 30035 adopting the rate case Stipulation.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED the Petition states the load growth adjustment “is intended to compensate for additional revenues attributable to load growth that occurs between rate cases.” Petition at ¶ 1. Idaho Power explains that the load growth adjustment rate results in a credit during periods of load growth and results in a debit during periods of load decline. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power states the currently approved load adjustment rate “uses predicted marginal costs of serving load rather than embedded costs of serving load.” *Id.* at ¶ 3 (emphasis added). Idaho Power asserts that using “predicted marginal costs” is unfair. Idaho Power argues that it is more appropriate to use current embedded PCA-related costs of serving load to determine the load growth adjustment rate. *Id.* The current load growth adjustment rate approved by the Commission is \$16.84 per MWh.

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Using the embedded PCA-related costs of serving load, Idaho Power calculates that the load growth rate should be \$6.81 per MWh. *Id.* at ¶ 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power maintains that using the current marginal costs methodology to calculate the load growth adjustment “credits customers with the higher, marginal PCA-related cost of serving new customer loads, even though Idaho Power is only allowed to recover the lower, embedded PCA-related costs of serving new customer loads.” *Id.* The Company asserts this mismatch penalizes Idaho Power when new customers are added. Consequently, Idaho Power claims it “is not afforded a reasonable opportunity to recover its PCA-related expenses associated with serving new customer loads in a timely manner.” *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power has prefiled testimony of its witness, Gregory Said. The Company did not propose a particular process for this case but it stands ready for immediate consideration of its Petition.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition together with the supporting testimony have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Petition and its supporting testimony are also available on the Commission’s Website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) under the “File Room” icon and then “Electric Cases.”

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as Idaho Power’s representatives in this matter:

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#### DEADLINE FOR INTERVENTION

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **persons desiring to intervene** in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing **must file a Petition to Intervene** with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073. Persons intending to participate at the hearing must file a Petition to Intervene **no later than fourteen (14) days from the service date of this**

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**Order.** Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons seeking intervenor status shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their electronic mail address to facilitate further communications in this matter.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding. Depending on the number of intervenors, the Commission may direct that pleadings and testimony be filed electronically with the other parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that after the Notice of Parties is issued, the Commission anticipates that the parties will informally convene to devise a recommended schedule to process this case. The Commission intends to schedule this matter for hearing. Once the schedule is developed, the Commission will subsequently issue a Notice of Hearing.

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* §§ 61-307, 61-336, 61-503, and 61-622. 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.*

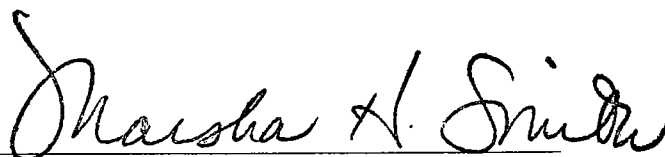
### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examination at hearing shall file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than fourteen (14) days from the service date of this Order. Parties petitioning for intervention shall also supply their e-mail addresses to the Commission Secretary.

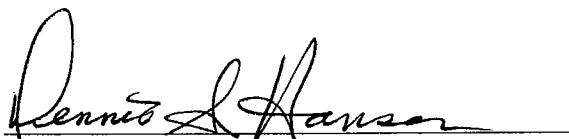
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 2006.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

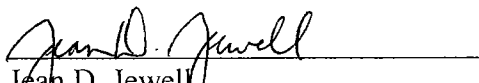


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