

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER
COMPANY'S 2006 INTEGRATED
RESOURCE PLAN**

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) **CASE NO. IPC-E-06-24**
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) **NOTICE OF FILING**
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) **COMMENT DEADLINE**
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) **ORDER NO. 30185**

On September 24, 2006, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") filed its 2006 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). On October 18, 2006, the Company filed a revised plan that corrected certain typographical errors and revised certain exhibits. The Company's filing is pursuant to a biennial requirement established in Commission Order No. 22299, Case No. U-1500-165. The IRP describes the Company's growing customer base, load growth, supply-side resources, demand-side management and risk analyses. Additionally, the 160-page IRP document and related appendices contain information regarding available resource options, planning period forecasts, potential resource portfolios, a ten-year resource plan, and a near-term action plan.

THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the IRP filing consists of five documents: the IRP, a Sales and Load Forecast, the Company's 2005 Demand-Side Management Annual Report, an Economic Forecast, and a Technical Appendix.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power has worked with stakeholders over the last 12 months to develop the subject IRP. The Integrated Resource Plan Advisory Council consisted of members of the environmental community, major industrial customers, agricultural interests, an Idaho state legislator, Commission Staff, a representative from the Idaho Governor's Office, and others. The Company also conducted presentations open to the general public from November 13-16, 2006 in Boise, Pocatello, Twin Falls, and Ontario, Oregon.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that according to the Plan Summary, the Company anticipates that its customer base will increase from approximately 455,000 to over

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680,000 by the end of the planning period of 2025, an increase of 11,000 to 12,000 new customers each year. The Company states that it used a conservative resource plan based upon a worse-than-median level of water. It used 70th percentile water conditions and 70th percentile average load for energy planning. In addition, for peak-hour capability planning, it used 90th percentile water conditions and 95th percentile peak-hour load.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the IRP states that it includes 1,300 MW (nameplate) of supply-side resource additions and DSM programs designed to reduce peak load by 187 MW and average load by 88 aMW. The Company's average load is expected to increase by 40 aMW, and summertime peak-hour loads are expected to increase by 80 MW per year through 2025.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that the 2006 IRP provides the Company's estimate of future loads and sets forth how the Company intends to serve the electrical requirements of its native load customers over the next 20 years. While the proposed resource portfolio represents current resource acquisition targets, the Company notes that the actual resource portfolio may differ from the quantities and types of resources outlined in the IRP depending on responses to the Company's Requests for Proposals, the business plans of any ownership partners, and the changing needs of Idaho Power's system.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power conducted an analysis of possible transmission path upgrades. With the assistance of an outside consultant, the following were selected as the most viable transmission alternatives:

- McNary (Columbia River) to the Locust Substation (Boise) via Brownlee;
- Lolo (Lewiston area) to Oxbow;
- Bridger, Wyoming to the Boise Bench Substation via the Midpoint Substation;
- Garrison or Townsend, Montana to the Boise Bench Substation via the Midpoint Substation; and
- White Pine, Nevada to the Boise Bench Substation via the Midpoint Substation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the IRP's preferred portfolio includes a 250 MW coal-fired resource addition in 2013 identified as "Wyoming Pulverized Coal." The Company does not know specifically where this addition will be located, but states that one of the Company's best near-term alternatives for expansion at an existing coal-fired resource is the addition of a fifth unit at the Jim Bridger plant.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS

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 sixty (60) 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 shall be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at the addresses reflected below:

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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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. 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 the filing 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 IRP, supporting workpapers, 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 testimonies are also available on the Commission's Website at www.puc.idaho.gov under the "File Room" icon and then "Electric Cases."

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. 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.*

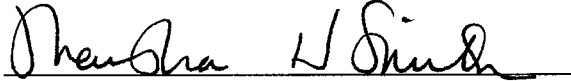
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a review and comment period be established for Idaho Power's IRP filing. Any person interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than sixty (60) days from the service date of this Order.

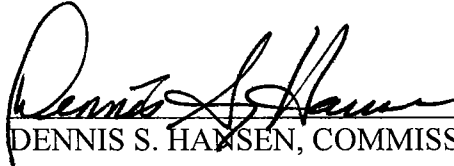
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 21st
day of November 2006.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

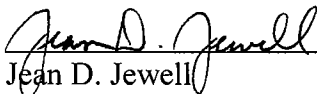


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