

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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COMMISSION SECRETARY
COMMISSION STAFF**

FROM: DON HOWELL

DATE: MAY 18, 2007

**SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER'S REPORT ON THE SCHEDULING OF ITS FUTURE
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP) FILINGS, CASE NO. IPC-E-06-
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In Order No. 30281 issued on March 26, 2007, the Commission found that receiving each electric utility's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) within a narrower time frame would improve the overall planning process and assist in regional planning efforts. Consequently, the Commission directed Idaho Power to file a brief report containing suggestions on how its IRP may be coordinated with the IRP filings of Avista and Rocky Mountain Power. On May 10, 2007, Idaho Power filed its letter report.

THE LETTER REPORT

Idaho Power reports that it has contacted Rocky Mountain Power and Avista Corporation regarding their plans to file future IRPs. Idaho Power states that Rocky Mountain Power is scheduled to file its 2009 IRP no later than the last business day of March 2009. See Order No. 30262 at 2. Idaho Power also reports that Avista intends to file its 2009 IRP on or near September 1, 2009.

Given the filing dates of the other utilities, Idaho Power requests that the Commission authorize it to file its next "full" IRP on or before the last business day of June 2009. That would put Idaho Power's IRP filing between the filings of Rocky Mountain and Avista. Idaho Power also proposes to file an "IRP update" in June 2008 to highlight the progress on its short-term action plan; changes in its load forecast, existing loads, customer base and purchased power contracts; and any significant deviations from its 2006 IRP.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff agrees with Idaho Power's proposed IRP report date. Staff believes that the six-month window for filing the three IRPs is in compliance with the Commission's directive in Order No. 30281. The separation among IRP filings will also allow Staff time to initiate its review of the IRPs. The Staff also endorses Idaho Power's offer to provide an "IRP update" in June 2008. Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order approving the Company's new IRP filing date.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission find that Idaho Power's proposed IRP filing of June 2009 and biennially thereafter acceptable?

Does the Commission also want to direct the Company to file an IRP "update" in June 2008 as a transitional/interim report?



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