

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF</b>	)	
<b>IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR A</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. IPC-E-06-30</b>
<b>PERMANENT EXEMPTION FROM</b>	)	
<b>UTILITY CUSTOMER RELATIONS RULE</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF APPLICATION</b>
<b>201.03 AS APPLIED TO TIME-VARIANT</b>	)	
<b>PRICING SERVICE</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF MODIFIED</b>
	)	<b>PROCEDURE</b>
	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 30202</b>
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On December 1, 2006, Idaho Power Company filed a Petition requesting a permanent exemption from Utility Customer Relations Rule (UCRR) 201.03, IDAPA 31.21.01.201.03, as it applies to all current and future time-variant pricing services. UCRR 201.03 requires that the beginning and ending meter readings appear on customer billings.

Idaho Power was previously granted a waiver of the requirements of UCRR 201.03 as it applies to the inclusion of the beginning and ending meter readings for time-variant pricing service on customers' bills under Schedules 4, 5, and 19. Order No. 29834. That waiver expires on December 31, 2006. *Id.* The Company requested that its Petition be processed by Modified Procedure. With this Order the Commission authorizes the use of Modified Procedure, establishes a comment deadline, and extends the previously granted temporary waiver during the pendency of this case.

**THE PETITION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that according to the Company's Petition it currently has three tariff schedules with time-variant pricing based on usage data collected by Advanced Meter Reading (AMR) systems. Schedule 19 is available to large commercial customers with metered demand of 1,000 kW or more per billing period. Schedules 4 and 5 are voluntary pilot programs, the Energy Watch and Time-of-Day Pilot Programs, available to residential customers in the Emmett Valley until April 1, 2007.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states it uses meter data management systems (MDMS) provided by a third-party vendor, and the MDMS is not designed in such a way that the beginning and ending meter readings can be displayed on customers' bills. The Company states that it does not believe it is the best use of resources to modify the MDMS

to enable the display of the beginning and ending meter reading on the monthly bills of those participating in time-variant pricing options.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states it has not received any inquiries from customers regarding their beginning and ending monthly meter readings. Customer bills currently display the total metered energy consumption broken into time periods as well as other data required by UCRR 201. The Company states that its customer service representatives have access to the beginning and ending meter read information, and can directly assist customers should a dispute or inquiry arise.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests a permanent exemption from the requirement of displaying the monthly beginning and ending meter reading, in order to cost effectively accommodate the technological advances in meter reading and billing made possible by AMR. It states that such an exemption will allow the Company to make additional time-variant pricing services available in the future without requesting additional limited waivers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition, 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. The Petition and testimonies are also available on the Commission's website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) under the "File Room" icon.

#### **NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filing of record in Case No. IPC-E-06-30. The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented in this case and that issues raised by the Company's filing may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. In so doing, 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 the Commission may not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used. IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no protests or written comments are received within the deadline, the Commission will consider the matter and enter its Order without a hearing. If protests or comments are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and may, in its discretion, set the matter for hearing or decide the matter and issue its Order on the basis of the written positions before it. IDAPA 01.01.01.204.

#### NOTICE OF COMMENT/PROTEST DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **the deadline for filing written comments or protests** with respect to the Petition and the Commission's use of Modified Procedure in Case No. IPC-E-06-30 is **January 8, 2007**. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written protests or comments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning this case should be mailed to the Commission and to the Company at the addresses reflected below.

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

Street Address For Express Mail:  
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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 homepage 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 addresses listed above.

#### FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

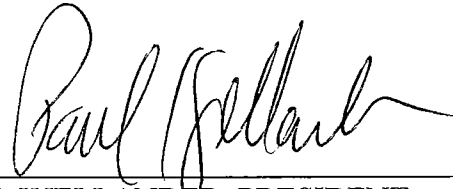
The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over Idaho Power Company, its Petition requesting a permanent exemption from Utility Customer Relations Rule 201.03, and the issues involved in this case by virtue of Title 61, Idaho Code, including *Idaho Code* §§ 61-129, 61-301, 302, 303, and 61-503, and the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented in this case, and that issues raised by the Company's filing may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. In so doing, the Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

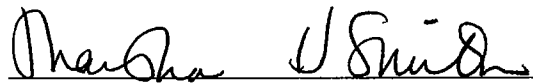
### ORDER

IT IS HERBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments regarding this case or protesting the use of Modified Procedure should do so no later than January 8, 2007.

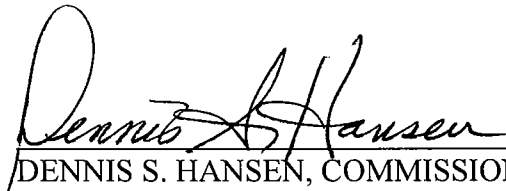
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2006.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

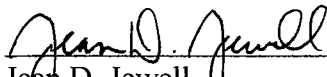


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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