

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER)
COMPANY'S PETITION FOR AN) **CASE NO. IPC-E-07-02**
EXEMPTION OF SPECIFIC ACCOUNTS)
FROM THE COMPANY'S RULE C) **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**
PROVISIONS REGARDING AGGREGATED)
METER READING) **NOTICE OF**
) **MODIFIED PROCEDURE**
)
) **ORDER NO. 30244**

On January 23, 2007, Idaho Power filed a Petition requesting an exemption for specific accounts from the Company's Rule C provisions regarding aggregated meter reading. The Company requested that its Petition be processed by Modified Procedure. Staff also recommended the use of Modified Procedure to process the Company's request. With this Order the Commission authorizes the use of Modified Procedure and establishes a deadline for the submission of comments.

THE PETITION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Idaho Power's Rule C states that where a customer has more than one delivery point or separate meters at a single premises, that the meter readings will not be combined or aggregated for any purpose except for determining if the customer's total power requirements exceed 25,000 kW. The Company requests an exemption from Rule C's aggregated meter reading provision to allow bills for specific large accounts to be prepared by combining the readings from multiple meters. The Company states that this would allow it to best accommodate the electric requirements of some of its larger customers, where multiple meters at the same premises are the most cost-effective and optimal means to design the distribution facilities necessary to provide the customer's requested level of service.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states it currently has 13 accounts where aggregated billing would provide the best, most cost-effective service. Those accounts are:

- Amalgamated Sugar (Paul)
- American Micro Systems (Pocatello)
- Kinross Delamar (Murphy)

Lamb Weston (Twin Falls)
McCain Foodservice (Burley)
Micron Fab B (Nampa)
Micron Nano Fab (Boise – anticipated to be online 4/1/07)
Mountain Home Air Force Base (Mountain Home)
Irrigation Customers:

Grindstone Butte: Header 746, Pump 05s 09e 3403 (Glenns Ferry)
Grindstone Butte: Header 744, Pump 05s 09e 3405 (Glenns Ferry)
Farm Dev. Corp. (Sailor Creek): Header 745, Pump 05s 09e 3404 (Glenns Ferry)
Magic Water Corp. (Buhl)
West End Project (Melba)

The Company states that the customers of the above referenced accounts received a letter and a personal contact from Idaho Power explaining the Company's intention to file this Petition seeking an exemption from Rule C, and that no customer has objected.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests the Commission to authorize an abbreviated procedure in which it could add additional customers to the list of those exempt from Rule C's aggregated meter reading provisions. The Company requests that rather than filing separate petitions requesting exemptions that the Commission authorize it to forward the customer's name, city location, and an explanation of why aggregation is appropriate to the Commission for review. The Company proposes that unless the Commission has an objection, that the customer would then be added to the list of customers exempt from Rule C as it is applied to aggregated meter readings.

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 under the "File Room".

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filing of record in Case No. IPC-E-07-02. 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 Application and the Commission's use of Modified Procedure in Case No. IPC-E-07-02 is **21 days from service date of this Order**. 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.

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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. 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 and the issues involved in this case by virtue of Title 61, Idaho Code, including *Idaho Code* §§ 61-129, 61-301, 302, 303, 61-502, 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 HEREBY ORDERED that Idaho Power Company's Application requesting an exemption for specific accounts from the Company's Rule C provisions regarding aggregated meter reading be processed by Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments regarding this case or protesting the use of Modified Procedure should do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 14th
day of February 2007.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

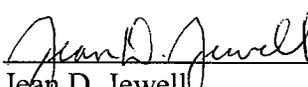


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