

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: BEVERLY BARKER

DATE: MARCH 16, 2012

RE: PROPOSE EXEMPTION FROM IDAHO POWER'S RULE C TARIFF
PROVISIONS REGARDING AGGREGATED METER READING
PURSUANT TO CASE NO. IPC-E-07-02.

BACKGROUND

Idaho Power's Rule C states that where a customer has more than one delivery point or separate meters at a single premises, 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. In Case No. IPC-E-07-02, Order No. 30274, the Commission granted the Company 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. Each of the 13 accounts identified in that case involved situations where having multiple meters at the same premises was the most cost-effective and optimal means of providing service.

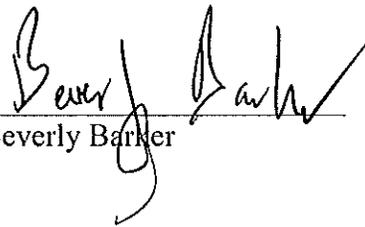
The Order also authorized a streamlined regulatory procedure for handling future situations where an exemption to Rule C was merited. Instead of requiring the Company to file a Petition for each additional exemption, the Company was authorized to provide the Commission with information supporting its decision that an exemption was merited. Unless the Commission objected to a proposed exemption, the affected customer would then be added to the list of customers exempt from Rule C.

Idaho Power now wishes to add Idaho State University (ISU) in Pocatello to the list of Rule C exemptions. It was recently discovered that energy usage for a building on ISU's campus was not being captured by the primary meter serving ISU. Temporary arrangements have been

made to separately meter usage for this building. The usage will then be aggregated with the primary meter's usage for billing purposes. The Company intends to install an alternate feed to ISU's campus in the future. That project will require addition of a second primary meter serving the campus. When that project is completed, usage from the two primary meters will be aggregated for billing purposes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has no objections to Idaho Power's proposed temporary or permanent metering and billing arrangements and recommends that the Commission accept Idaho Power's proposal to add ISU to the list of Rule C exemptions.


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