

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR) CASE NO. IPC-E-07-08
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE)
TO ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS IN THE) ORDER NO. 30456
STATE OF IDAHO.)**

On June 8, 2007, Idaho Power Company filed an Application for authority to increase its rates an average of 10.35%. If approved the Company's revenues would increase by \$63.9 million. The Company requested that the proposed rate increase become effective on July 8, 2007.

On June 25, 2007, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and suspended the proposed effective date for thirty (30) days plus five (5) months, or until such time as the Commission entered an Order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the request in this matter. On August 8, 2007, the Commission issued a Notice of Scheduling and Notice of Hearing, establishing October 19, 2007 as the deadline for Staff and Intervenors to file testimony, and setting December 10-13, 2007 as the technical hearing.

On October 18, 2007, Idaho Power and Staff filed a Joint Motion to extend the procedural schedule. The Motion states that Idaho Power and Staff have consulted with the other parties and all parties have agreed upon a new procedural schedule for processing the case as follows:

- October 24, 2007 Settlement Meeting
- December 10, 2007 Staff and Intervenors file Direct Testimony
- January 4, 2008 Rebuttal Testimony filed
- January 22-25, 2008 Technical Hearing

The parties requested that the Commission enter an Order adopting the procedural schedule. Additionally, Idaho Power filed a Stipulation waiving the maximum suspension period under *Idaho Code* § 61-622 to allow the Commission additional time to take evidence and render a decision in this proceeding.

FINDINGS

Based on the Joint Motion and Stipulation filed by Idaho Power and Staff, we find that the public interest would be served by adoption of the proposed extension of the procedural schedule. The Commission may consider and decide prehearing motions without oral argument or hearing, and may act on a procedural motion on fewer than fourteen days' notice. IDAPA 31.01.01.256. All parties agreed to the new procedural schedule. No party is prejudiced by the extension of time, and no party objected to the same. Consequently, the deadline for filing the testimony of Staff and Intervenors, the deadline for filing rebuttal, and the dates reserved for the technical hearing are hereby extended as set forth above.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule in this case is granted.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 19th day of October 2007.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT




MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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