

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT)	
APPLICATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION)	CASE NO. IPC-E-07-09
PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATION OF IDAHO,)	
INC. AND IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)	NOTICE OF
AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE THE)	JOINT APPLICATION
PRESENT FUNDING LEVEL FOR)	
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE AS)	NOTICE OF
AUTHORIZED BY ORDER NO. 29505)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 30310

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on April 9, 2007, Idaho Power and the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI) filed a Joint Application seeking Commission authorization for Idaho Power to continue its Weatherization Assistance Program previously authorized in the Company's 2004 rate case. Order No. 29505. CAPAI represents the Community Action agencies that administer weatherization programs for electric utilities in Idaho. The Commission set Idaho Power's weatherization funding level at \$1.2 million and required CAPAI to file an application with the Commission if it desired to extend the funding beyond June 1, 2007. Order No. 29505 at 33. The parties have requested that this Application be processed via Modified Procedure.

BACKGROUND

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power provides funding to designated community agencies for the weatherization of electrically heated homes occupied by eligible low-income customers and buildings occupied by non-profit organizations. Application at 2. Idaho Power's program, called Weatherization Assistance for Qualified Customers (WAQC), is administered through five Idaho and three Oregon community agencies. *Id.* The WAQC program enables low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that according to the Company's 2006 Weatherization Report, Idaho Power funded 540 weatherization projects (538 residences and 2 non-profit units). The average cost of installing conservation measures per residence was

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\$2,205. Report at 3. Idaho Power's total expenditures for calendar year 2006 was \$1.344 million. Application at 3. Idaho Power reported that it saved 2.958 MWh.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power's weatherization program includes all eligible conservation measures approved by the U.S. Department of Energy. To ensure that each project is cost-effective, Idaho Power requires that each job has a "savings-to-investment ratio" (SIR) of 1.0 or better. For its 2006 projects, the average SIR value per residence was 2.45. Report at 7. During the last three years, Idaho Power funded nearly 1400 weatherization projects.

THE APPLICATION

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that CAPAI and Idaho Power stated that continuation of the weatherization program is in the public interest and will enable "additional low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient." Application at 4. The parties further state that continued annual funding of the weatherization program at \$1.2 million will benefit all of Idaho Power's customers by reducing the demand for energy.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. 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 any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant 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 home page 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 the Applicants at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies are also available on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov under "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-336, 61-503, and 61-507. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter be processed under Modified Procedure pursuant to the Commission's Rules 201 through 204, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this case must do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

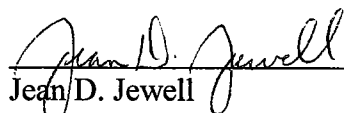
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 26th day of April 2007.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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