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IDAHO PUBLIC  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROPRIATE  
DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS FOR THE SAKE  
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S SO2  
EMISSION ALLOWANCES IN CY 2007

Case No. IPC-E-07-18

The Idaho Energy Education Project (IEEP) lauds Idaho Power for its willingness to think outside the box and for recognizing that investing the monies from the sale of the SO2 credits would reap longer term economic benefits for its customers than merely a one time rate reduction.

IEEP believes one of the best investments of a portion of that money is in energy conservation and efficiency education and net metered renewable projects. "Give a man a fish and you feed him for one day, teach him to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." Learning how to use energy wisely and having the means to use it more efficiently or producing some of for one's self is a benefit to ratepayers, the environment and to Idaho Power by reducing production and transmission requirements and is in sync with Idaho's Energy Plan..

IEEP has proposed from the start that some of the SO2 monies goes to energy education. At the workshop held in this matter, IEEP proposed that \$500,000 of those monies goes to energy education, with half for in class instruction on energy conservation and efficiency and the other half be available as grants to schools for student involved energy efficiency and renewable educational projects. That proposal should be tied to the PUC approving Idaho Power's third option of investing the SO2 money in an Idaho Power wind project.

If the PUC opts for option one or two, then the energy education monies should be expanded beyond the original \$500,000 for energy education in the schools and should include \$500,000 for energy efficiency/renewable/educational project grants for residential, small business and agricultural ratepayers. The additional grants would be 75-25% cost sharing, the grant 75%, the applicant 25%, except for low income which would be 100% grant. The applicant would agree to track energy savings and be open to some form of ongoing publicity about the project and the energy and economic savings.

Respectfully submitted,  
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