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April 4, 2008

Jean D. Jewell, Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
472 West Washington Street  
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Re: Case No. IPC-E-08-02  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER  
COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS RULE H  
CHARGES AND CREDITS RELATED TO DISTRIBUTION LINE  
INSTALLATIONS AND UNDERGROUND SERVICE  
ATTACHMENTS.

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Company's customer communications referenced in the Application filed March 10, 2008 to be lodged in the Commission's official file. The press release was issued on April 1, 2008, and advertisement will appear in the Idaho Business Review on April 9, 2008. The letter to contractors was mailed to approximately 220 contractors identified by the Idaho Building Contractors Association as being active within the Idaho Power Service territory.

I would appreciate it if you would return a stamped copy of this transmittal letter in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

Lisa D. Nordstrom

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Enclosures  
cc: Daniel Klein

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Dear Contractor:

Idaho Power filed a request March 10 with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission asking for authorization to increase fees related to line extensions under what is called "Rule H." The changes more closely reflect the true cost of service today rather than those of 11 years ago when these fees were first established.

They also reflect changes in the line installation needs of your customers. For example, in 1997, the last time this rule was adjusted, no differentiation was made between wire sizes. But today, Idaho Power commonly uses three sizes of service wire to provide electrical connections under the current tariff. In this proposal, our Company is asking the Commission to recognize that three underground cable sizes now are utilized - 1/0, 4/0, and 350 - and to allow us to collect fees that reflect the more expensive larger cables.

The proposed change also seeks to change the price per foot for the distance of the new installation. The original method based the costs associated with installing overhead and underground service upon a single wire size. While standard overhead service is provided at no charge by Idaho Power, underground installation costs must be paid by customers who request it.

In 1997, the base charges for taking service for existing underground facilities were \$30 and \$255 if a two-inch riser was required to take service from overhead lines. Using the same calculations as those approved in 1997, the Company is asking to increase these charges to \$40 and \$395 respectively. If approved, the new price structure also allows for a three-inch riser to address larger-sized services not envisioned when the tariff was created.

The following table demonstrates the current base and distance charges for new underground service attachments and those proposed by Idaho Power for residential and small commercial customers:

<u>Base Charge</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Existing</u>
• from underground	\$40.00	\$30
• from overhead including 2" riser	\$395.00	\$255
• from overhead including 3" riser	\$520.00	NA
<u>Distance Charge--Idaho Power Installed Facilities (per foot)</u>		
• with 1/0 underground cable	\$6.90	\$5.05
• with 4/0 underground cable	\$7.50	NA
• with 350 underground cable	\$9.60	NA
<u>Customer Provided Trench &amp; Conduit (per foot)</u>		
• with 1/0 underground cable	\$2.15	\$1.05
• with 4/0 underground cable	\$3.60	NA
• with 350 underground cable	\$4.65	NA

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Idaho Power has requested these changes become effective on May 1, 2008. However, Idaho Power's request is a proposal open to public review and comment and is subject to IPUC approval. The IPUC may determine an effective date different from that requested by Idaho Power. If the proposal is approved, service attachments for which a permanent electrical inspection permit has been received or postmarked prior to the effective date of the IPUC approval will be charged the current rates. Service attachments for which permanent electrical inspection permits are received or postmarked on or after the effective date of the IPUC approval will be charged the new rates. It is the builder's (or electrician's) responsibility to ensure Idaho Power receives the permanent electrical inspection permit.

Copies of Idaho Power's filing, Case No. IPC-E-08-02, are available at the offices of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington St., Boise, and on their Web site - [www.puc.state.id.us](http://www.puc.state.id.us), or at Idaho Power's Corporate Headquarters, 1221 W. Idaho Street, Boise and on the Idaho Power Web site at [www.idahopower.com/aboutus/regulatoryinfo/filings.asp](http://www.idahopower.com/aboutus/regulatoryinfo/filings.asp). For more information, please contact Distribution Designer Technical Advisor Roger Pipkin at 208-465-8616 or at [RPipkin@idahopower.com](mailto:RPipkin@idahopower.com).

Cordially,



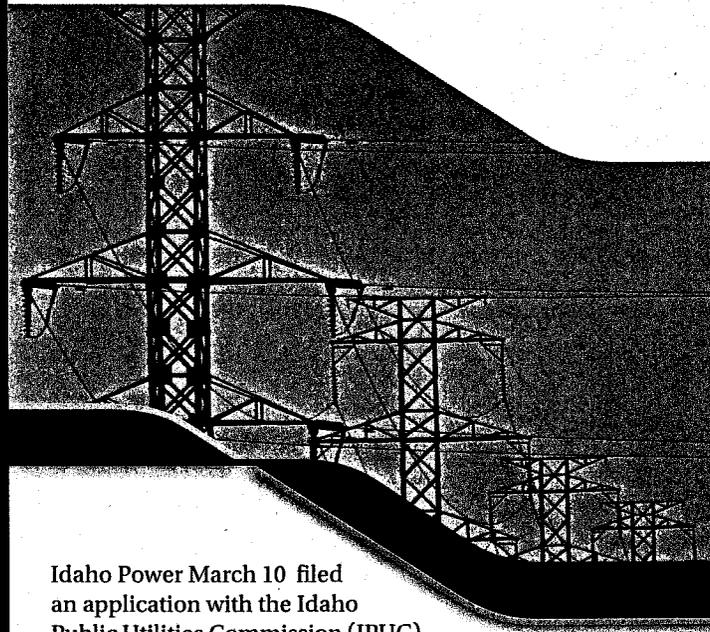
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# Important Rate Information For Building & Electrical Contractors

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Idaho Power March 10 filed an application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) for authority to change "Rule H" an 11-year-old price structure for new underground service attachments and installation or alteration of distribution lines.

This table demonstrates the current base and distance charges for new underground service attachments and those proposed by Idaho Power for residential and small commercial customers:

Base Charge	Proposed	Existing
from underground	\$40	\$30
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Idaho Power has asked the IPUC to act on its request by May 1. Idaho Power's application is a proposal open to public review and comment and is subject to IPUC approval. The public can view Idaho Power's proposal, Case No. IPC-E-08-02, at [www.idahopower.com/aboutus/regulatoryinfo/filings.asp](http://www.idahopower.com/aboutus/regulatoryinfo/filings.asp), the IPUC Web Site [www.puc.state.id.us](http://www.puc.state.id.us), or at Idaho Power's Corporate Headquarters, 1221 W. Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho.

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