

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR) CASE NO. IPC-E-08-02
AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS RULE H)
CHARGES AND CREDITS RELATED TO) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
DISTRIBUTION LINE INSTALLATIONS)
AND UNDERGROUND SERVICE) NOTICE OF
ATTACHMENTS.) INTERVENTION DEADLINE
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) ORDER NO. 30525**

On March 10, 2008, Idaho Power Company filed an Application requesting modification of its Rule H tariff relating to the charges and credits for installing distribution lines and underground service to customers' premises. Specifically, the Company proposes to update Section 4(b) concerning Underground Service Attachment Charges. The Company requests the Application be processed by Modified Procedure and that the updated charges become effective May 1, 2008.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company asserts that the last major change to its charges and credits (specific to this section of its Rule H tariff) occurred in February 1997. Since that time, the Company has noted an increase in the construction of larger-sized residential properties within its service territory that require a larger-sized conductor than the "1/0" underground cable. The current tariff charges and credits are based on use of the 1/0 cable size.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's current Rule H tariff assigns additional charges for customers who take service under Schedules 1, 4, 5, or 7.¹ These customers must pay for underground service attachments. Charges in Section 4(b) are divided into two types: a "Base" Charge and a "Distance" Charge (priced per foot based on the length of the installation).

¹ Schedules: 1 – Residential Service; 4 – Residential Energy Watch (optional); 5 – Residential Time-of-Day (optional); 7 – Small General Service.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the current method used to calculate the Distance Charge compares the cost difference between installing overhead and underground service based on a single service-size (1/0 cable at \$5.05 per foot). Customers receive standard overhead service from the Company at no charge, but must pay the added cost to install underground service. The Company proposes a Distance Charge calculation using the same method (overhead vs. underground), but with an additional assessment dependent on the size of the wire (\$6.90 per foot with 1/0 cable, \$7.50 per foot with 4/0 cable, and \$9.60 per foot with 350 cable).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company also requests a change to the discount in Distance Charges for customers who provide their own trenching. The current charge for wire in customer-provided trenching is \$1.05 per foot. The existing tariff does not distinguish between types of wire. The proposed charges are \$2.15 per foot with 1/0 cable, \$3.60 per foot with 4/0 cable, and \$4.65 per foot with 350 cable.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's Base Charge is currently \$30 for service from existing underground facilities, and \$255 for service from overhead facilities due to the cost of the 2" conduit riser. The Company proposes to increase the Base Charge to \$40 for service for existing underground facilities and \$395 for service requiring a 2" riser. The Company also proposes to add a charge for a 3" riser option to address the larger-sized services not previously envisioned when the tariff was created.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company is requesting that the updated tariff become effective on May 1, 2008.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting workpapers, testimonies 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 the "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

DEADLINE FOR INTERVENTION

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and .073. Persons intending to participate at hearing must file a

Petition to Intervene no later than 14 days from the service date of this Order. Persons seeking intervenor status shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their electronic mail address to facilitate further communications in this matter.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or to other parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the deadline for intervention has passed, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that after the Notice of Parties is issued, the Commission anticipates that the parties will informally convene to devise a recommended schedule to process this case. Commission Staff is directed to contact the parties after the intervention deadline to discuss a procedural schedule. In addition to the schedule, the parties may discuss discovery logistics, electronic service, and other scheduling matters.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-307, 61-503, and 61-622. 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.*

SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

Due to the limited time between when the Company filed its Application and when it requests that the changes become effective, the Commission finds that it cannot resolve Idaho Power's requested Rule H modifications before the proposed effective date of May 1, 2008. Pursuant to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-622 and 61-623, the Commission hereby suspends the proposed changes for a period of 30 days plus 5 months from April 11, 2008, or until such time as the Commission enters an Order accepting, rejecting or modifying the request in this matter.

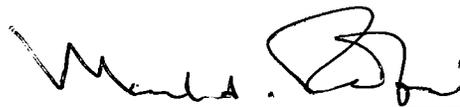
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the proposed modifications to its Rule H tariff submitted by Idaho Power Company in this matter are suspended for a period of 30 days plus 5 months from April 11, 2008, or until such time as the Commission enters an Order accepting, rejecting or modifying the request in this matter.

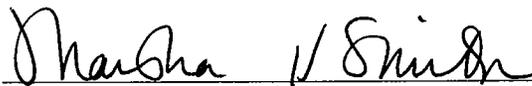
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examination at hearing shall file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than 14 days from the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after the Notice of Parties is issued, the Staff shall informally convene with the parties to discuss the processing of this case.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 8th day of April 2008.



MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT

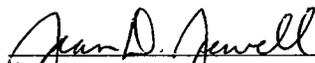


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



JIM D. KEMPTON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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