## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR	) CASE NO. IPC-E-08-03
AUTHORITY TO REVISE THE ENERGY	)
EFFICIENCY RIDER, TARIFF SCHEDULE	) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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	) NOTICE OF
	) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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	) ORDER NO. 30520
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 14, 2008, Idaho Power Company filed an Application asking the Commission to approve an increase to its Energy Efficiency Rider from 1.5% to 2.5% of base revenues effective June 1, 2008. The rider is a charge on customers' bills to fund conservation or demand-side management (DSM) programs implemented by the Company. The Commission initially approved a rider in May 2002, and targeted an amount for collection at .5% of overall class revenue. The initial charge for residential customers was \$.30 per month, and for irrigation customers it was capped at \$15 per meter per month. At that rate, the energy rider provided approximately \$2.6 million annually for DSM programs.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in May 2005, the Commission approved the Company's request to increase the rider to 1.5% of base revenue applied uniformly to all customer classes. The Commission put a monthly cap on the residential customer charge at \$1.75 and a cap of \$50 per meter per month for irrigation customers.

## THE CURRENT APPLICATION

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application states that Idaho Power has been expanding its DSM programs and other energy efficiency initiatives since 2002, and anticipates that its DSM programs and initiatives will cost approximately \$50 million for the years 2008-2010. The Company currently collects approximately \$8.8 million per year from the Energy Efficiency Rider. Idaho Power proposes to increase the rider from 1.5% to 2.5% of base revenue beginning June 1, 2008 to support expected conservation program expenditures. At that level, the Company projects a deficit of approximately \$4.2 million in its DSM expenditures at

the end of 2010. Accordingly, the Company also plans to request in its next general rate case authorization to include approximately \$3.5 million in labor and administrative expenses related to its planned DSM programs in its regular operations and maintenance expenses. If approved, the Company would use this \$3.5 million increase in base rates to pay for labor, contributions to the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, and DSM departmental costs not directly related to specific DSM programs. The Company also proposes to remove the current rate caps for residential and irrigation customers. Finally, the Company requests in its Application to approve revised language in the Energy Efficiency Rider tariff expanding the scope of rider-funded activities.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. IPC-E-08-03. The Commission has preliminarily found that the public interest in this matter may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that issues raised by the Company's filing may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the deadline for filing written comments or protests with respect to Idaho Power's Application and the use of Modified Procedure in Case No. IPC-E-08-03 is Thursday, May 15, 2008.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the deadline, the Commission may consider the matter on its merits and may enter its Order without a formal hearing. If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its Order based on the written positions before it. IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. IPC-E-08-03 should be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at the addresses reflected below.

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All 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 <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. 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 Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting testimony have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices or on the Commission's Website at <a href="https://www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a> under the "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 that 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 the Application of Idaho Power for approval to increase its Energy Efficiency Rider be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than May 15, 2008.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24 day of April 2008.

MACK A. REDFOXD, PRESIDENT

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ATTEST:

Commission Secretary

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