Office of the Secretary Service Date April 2, 2008

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY TO AMEND SCHEDULE 72 – INTERCONNECTIONS TO NON-UTILITY GENERATION

CASE NO. IPC-E-08-05 NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE NOTICE OF COMMENT/PROTEST DEADLINE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 18, 2008, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power; Company) filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) proposing additional language for inclusion in its Schedule 72 – Interconnections to Non-Utility Generation tariff. The Company's filing is in response to the Commission's directive in Order No. 30493 issued on January 31, 2008 in Case No. IPC-E-07-13 (Exergy v. Idaho Power) wherein the Commission stated:

The additional language [to the Company's Schedule 72 tariff] should describe in general the three-step study process that the Company follows including (1) opportunities to pay for additional required studies on incremental amounts, (2) opportunities to exit the interconnection process, and (3) opportunities to qualify for and provide alternative financial guarantees in lieu of full prepayment of the initial cost estimate.

Order No. 30493 pp. 6-7. The subject matter of Exergy's complaint in Case No. IPC-E-07-13 was Idaho Power's requirements for generation interconnection for qualifying facilities (QFs) under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA).

As defined by the Company, the non-utility "generator interconnection process" is the Company's generation facility interconnection application, engineering review and construction process. The intent of the generator interconnection process is to ensure a safe and reliable generation interconnection and compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements, good utility practices, and national safety standards. The language submitted by the Company includes further description of the generator interconnection process including the application stage and the three-step study process (i.e., the feasibility study; the system impact study and the

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE NOTICE OF COMMENT/PROTEST DEADLINE 1 facility study). The Company's tariff proposal also sets forth the payment and security requirements for the costs of interconnection.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. IPC-E-08-05 and its prior Order No. 30493 in Case No. IPC-E-07-13. 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**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. Reference 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-08-05 is **Friday**, **April 25**, **2008**. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written protests or comments.

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. Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. IPC-E-08-05 should be mailed to the Commission and the Company 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 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 Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application in Case No. IPC-E-08-05 and proposed Schedule 72 tariff changes may be viewed at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on "File Room" and "Electric Cases," or can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 W. Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and at the general business office of Idaho Power Company, 1221 West Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho.

> DATED at Boise, Idaho this 2nd day of April 2008.

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