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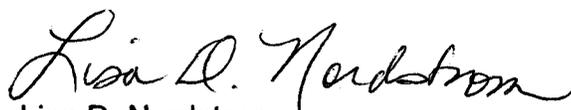
Re: Case No. IPC-E-08-10  
*General Rate Case*

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and seven (7) copies each of the Joint Motion for Approval of Energy Efficiency Rider Prudency Stipulation and Stipulation in the above matter.

Upon receipt of this filing, I would appreciate it if you would return a stamped copy of this letter for my file in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

  
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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR ) CASE NO. IPC-E-08-10  
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES )  
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC ) JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF  
SERVICE. ) ENERGY EFFICIENCY RIDER  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) PRUDENCY STIPULATION

COME NOW, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or the "Company") and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Staff ("Staff") and hereby move the Commission pursuant to RP 56 and 256 to approve the enclosed Stipulation addressing the prudence expenditures of Energy Efficiency Rider ("Rider") funds spent between 2002 and 2007. This Joint Motion is based on the following:

1. In testimony<sup>1</sup> spread throughout the technical hearing record on December 16-19, 2008, Idaho Power requested that the Commission explicitly find that its expenditures of funds obtained from the Energy Efficiency Rider during the 2002-2007 period were prudently incurred. The Commission Staff presented testimony<sup>2</sup> recommending that the Commission defer a prudence determination for Idaho Power's Rider expenses until the Company was able to provide a comprehensive evaluation package of its programs and efforts. Idaho Power contended that information sufficient to make the prudence determination existed and had been provided or made available for Staff review.

2. Idaho Power and the Commission Staff have reached agreement regarding the prudence of a portion of the \$28,961,716 in Rider funds Idaho Power spent between 2002 and 2007. As described in the Stipulation, the Parties agree that \$14,303,745 in rider-funded expenses associated with twelve programs is prudently incurred. This amount includes \$2,160,878 in Rider funds paid to NEEA from 2005-2007.

3. To date, no Party has suggested that any energy efficiency program or associated expenditure made since 2002 and collected under rate Schedule 91 is imprudent. The Company and Staff will continue to exchange information and discuss settlement with regard to the remaining \$14,657,971 over the next several months. On or before April 1, 2009, Idaho Power will file a pleading with the Commission seeking a prudence determination of the balance of Rider funds spent during 2002-2007. If within a reasonable time following the April 2009 filing, resolution of the remaining 2002-2007

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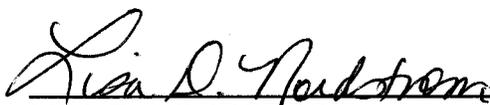
<sup>1</sup> See hearing testimony of Company witnesses John R. Gale and Theresa Drake.

<sup>2</sup> See hearing testimony of Staff witnesses Randy Lobb and Lynn Anderson.

Rider expenditures cannot be reached, Staff and Idaho Power will recommend additional procedure to allow the Commission to make such a determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, Idaho Power and the Commission Staff respectfully request that the Commission issue a final order approving, without material change or condition, the enclosed Stipulation regarding prudence determination of Energy Efficiency Rider funds spent between 2002 and 2007.

Respectfully submitted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on or about this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009 I served a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY RIDER PRUDENCY STIPULATION upon the following named parties by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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