# BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

	_ )	<b>ORDER NO. 30588</b>
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PROPOSAL	)	STATUS CONFERENCE
TO FUND AN ENERGY EDUCATION	)	NOTICE OF
COMPANY'S SO2 EMISSION PROCEEDS	)	
DISPOSITION OF IDAHO POWER	)	CASE NO. IPC-E-08-11
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROPRIATE	)	

On April 14, 2008, the Commission issued Order No. 30529 concerning the appropriate disposition of the proceeds from the sale of Idaho Power Company's sulfur dioxide (SO2) emission allowances in calendar year 2007. In its Order, the Commission reserved \$500,000 of the SO2 proceeds to potentially fund an energy education proposal offered by the Idaho Energy Education Project (IEEP or the "Project"). Although IEEP provided the basic structure of its proposal, the Commission found that the Project "did not provide sufficient detail for us to fully evaluate its merits." Order No. 30529 at 9. IEEP was ordered to provide additional information within 14 days so that the Commission could review the merits of the education proposal.

On April 28, 2008, IEEP filed supplemental information and observed that there "is still work to be done" in fully developing the educational proposal. On June 2, 2008, the Commission issued Order No. 30557 and found that "additional work needs to be accomplished before any energy-related educational proposal or specific project can be endorsed by the Commission." Order No. 30557 at 3. Consequently, the Commission continued to reserve judgment on the appropriate disposition of the \$500,000. The Commission also decided to convene a subsequent Status Conference that would "allow IEEP and other interested parties to advise the Commission" regarding the status of the energy educational proposal. *Id*.

#### **BACKGROUND**

### A. The Educational Proposal

The history of this case is generally set forth in our prior Order Nos. 30529 and 30557. Briefly, IEEP recommended that a portion of the SO2 proceeds (in Case No. IPC-E-07-18) be utilized for energy education and associated project grants. In particular, IEEP proposed that \$250,000 be used for energy education in the classroom (addressing energy conservation and

efficiency) and \$250,000 be used for grants to participating schools for the construction of renewable and energy efficiency projects. The grants for energy facilities would accompany the educational component and be limited to schools served by Idaho Power.

## B. Procedural History

In Order No. 30529, IEEP was directed to provide the Commission with a course/classroom syllabus and additional information regarding any arrangements with school districts and/or state agencies. Order No. 30529 at 9. In its response, IEEP described the structural framework for its proposed educational project. IEEP proposed to develop an energy education curriculum using existing materials. IEEP indicated that it will "partner" with other entities to acquire, review, develop, and implement the proposed educational project. IEEP invited the Idaho Department of Education (DOE), the Idaho Office of Energy Resources (OER), and Idaho Power to assist in the development and implementation of the proposal. IEEP envisioned that DOE would become the primary manager of the educational component; OER would provide expertise on renewables, energy conservation, and efficiency opportunities; and Idaho Power would provide information about its integrated electrical system and the importance of energy conservation and efficiency.

In Order No. 30557, the Commission found that IEEP's response was not sufficiently developed. Although IEEP had initiated contact with several entities, it did not produce any agreement among the potential parties to implement the proposal. Consequently, the Commission decided to convene a subsequent Status Conference so that

IEEP and other interested parties [can] advise the Commission of progress in relevant communications and stipulate whether there is, or can be, a consensus organizational structure that will support moving forward [with the educational proposal]. There is no designated lead party for the status conference. The Commission continues to reserve judgment on the appropriate disposition of the \$500,000.

Order No. 30557 at 3.

## NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission shall convene a Status Conference in this matter on WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008, AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO, (208) 334-0300. The purpose of the Status Conference is to allow IEEP and other

interested parties to advise the Commission of their respective positions and the status of the educational proposal.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PO BOX 83720 BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074 (208) 334-0338 (Telephone) (208) 334-3762 (FAX)

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that IEEP's response and other documents in this matter are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The documents and other materials in this case are also available on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov under "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 specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-316, 61-502, 61-503, 61-523, and 61-524. 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.

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that IEEP and other interested parties shall advise the Commission of their positions and status of the educational proposal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission continues to reserve judgment on the appropriateness of using \$500,000 of the SO2 proceeds for energy education purposes.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this /st day of July 2008.

MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT

Out of the Office on this Date MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

JIM D. KEMPTON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Commission Secretary

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