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Idaho Power Seeks to Modify New Construction Services Charges and Credits

BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 30, 2008—Idaho Power filed an application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) today, to modify Rule H tariff charges and credits for new service attachments and distribution line installations or alterations.

“We are asking the IPUC to accept these changes to the tariff to shift a greater portion of the cost of new construction for services from our existing retail customers to those developers and new customers requesting the construction,” said Vice President of Regulatory Affairs Ric Gale. “The company continues to work with developers and the building community regarding modifications to the tariff and planning for growth.”

The company’s proposed revisions would update charges and allowances for line extensions, modify refund provisions, and address funding public roadway relocations. The application also proposes updating Rule H charges and credits on an annual basis to reflect current costs.

Idaho Power requested approval of the updated tariff by March 1, 2009 with an effective date 120 days later to allow for an implementation period.

Under the new proposal, the Overhead and Underground Service Attachments section would be separate. The new section includes updated charges for underground service attachments less than 400 amperages and outlines the calculation for determining charges greater than 400 amperages.

The Line Installation and Service Attachment Allowances section was modified and updated to reflect current costs associated with providing and installing “standard” terminal facilities for single-phase and three-phase service attachments and line installations. The company proposes one allowance toward the cost of terminal facilities and line installations and modifies company-funded allowances inside subdivisions. Some portion of the construction cost will continue to be recovered through rates.

The proposal also seeks to change the availability of vested interest refunds from a five-year recovery period to four years, and discontinue all subdivision lot refunds. Subdividers continue to be eligible for vested interest refunds outside of subdivisions. Under the proposal, they also are eligible for refunds inside subdivisions for additional line installations that are not part of the initial line installation.

Under the new Public Roadway Relocations section, Idaho Power identifies when and to what extent it funds roadway relocations, specifically those road improvements for the benefit of the general public and other parties.

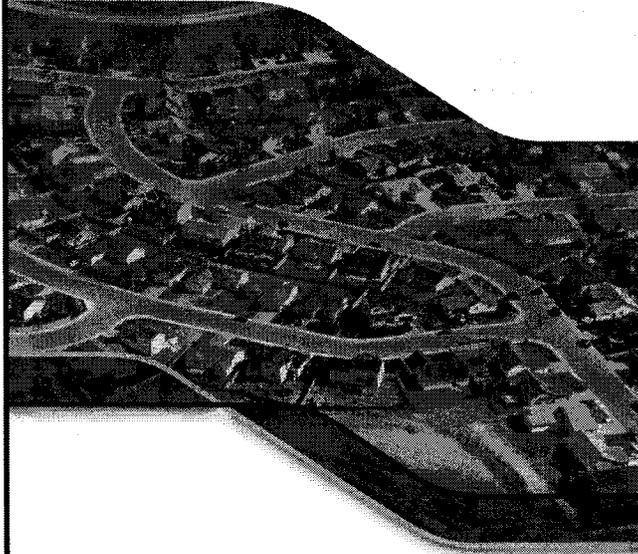
To learn more about the application, the public can view Idaho Power's proposal, Case No. IPC-E-08-22, at www.idahopower.com/aboutus/regulatoryinfo/filings.asp, the IPUC Web Site-www.puc.state.id.us, or at Idaho Power's Corporate Headquarters, 1221 W. Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho.

Idaho Power is committed to preserving and protecting our precious resources to ensure the delivery of fair-priced, reliable, safe electricity throughout our entire service area. The company's application is a proposal open to public review and comment and is subject to IPUC approval.

IDACORP, Inc., Boise, Idaho-based and formed in 1998, is a holding company comprised of Idaho Power Company, a regulated electric utility; IDACORP Financial, a holder of affordable housing projects and other real estate investments; and Ida-West Energy, an operator of small hydroelectric generation projects that satisfy the requirements of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. IDACORP's origins lie with Idaho Power and operations beginning in 1916. Today, Idaho Power employs approximately 2,000 people to serve a 24,000 square-mile service area in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. With 17 low-cost hydroelectric projects as the core of its generation portfolio, Idaho Power's 485,000 residential, business and agricultural customers pay some of the nation's lowest prices for electricity. To learn more about Idaho Power or IDACORP, visit www.idahopower.com or www.idacorpinc.com .

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Important Rate Information For Building Contractors & Developers



New Construction for Services- Modification of Charges and Credits

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The company's proposed revisions:

- update charges and allowances for line extensions,
- modify refund provisions, and
- address funding public roadway relocations.

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[Insert Recipient Name]
[Insert Recipient Title]
[Insert Recipient Company]
[Insert Recipient Street Address]
[Insert City, State Zip]

Subject: *New Construction for Services - Modification of Charges and Credits*

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Sincerely,

Ric Gale
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs