

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR) CASE NO. IPC-E-08-24
AUTHORITY TO RETIRE ITS GREEN)
TAGS.) NOTICE OF REC
) MANAGEMENT PLAN FILING
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) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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) ORDER NO. 31062**

On May 20, 2009, in response to an Application filed by Idaho Power, the Commission issued a final Order directing Idaho Power to sell its eligible 2007 and 2008 Green Tags¹ generated by the Elkhorn Valley Wind Project and the Raft River Geothermal Project and to include the proceeds from the sale in the Company's 2010 Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) calculation. Order No. 30818. The Commission also directed the Company to formulate a business plan regarding the disposition of Green Tags generated in 2009 and later. Idaho Power filed its REC Management Plan with the Commission on December 30, 2009.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that for existing long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs) such as Elkhorn Valley Wind Project and the Raft River Geothermal Project, in which Idaho Power receives RECs as part of the agreement, Idaho Power plans to sell the near-term RECs and return the customers' share of the proceeds through the PCA while continuing to acquire and hold long-term contractual rights to own RECs for use in meeting a future federal renewable energy standard.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that for existing PURPA and REC generating projects that provide output to Idaho Power under mid- to long-term contracts, if a mutually agreeable price can be reached with the project owner, Idaho Power's Plan would allow it to enter into contracts to purchase the project's RECs on a mid- to long-term basis with the expectation that the REC acquisition costs will be treated as a PCA expense. Idaho Power intends to sell the near-term RECs and return the customers' share of proceeds through the PCA

¹ Green Tags are also commonly referred to as renewable energy credits (RECs).

while continuing to acquire and hold long-term contractual rights to own RECs for use in meeting a future federal renewable energy standard.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that for new long-term power purchase agreements Idaho Power intends to continue to acquire long-term rights to the RECs for use in meeting a future federal renewable energy standard, while selling the near-term RECs and returning the customers' share of the proceeds through the PCA.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, to the extent Idaho Power's small hydroelectric projects can be certified as renewable under other states' renewable portfolio standards, Idaho Power intends to consider selling the near-term RECs as opportunities become available and return the customers' share of the proceeds through the PCA.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure 201 through 204, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure (with written comments) has proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation in cases of this nature.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on Idaho Power's REC Management Plan may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission **no later than twenty-one (21) days** from the service date of this Order. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments shall be mailed to the Commission and the parties at the addresses reflected below:

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These 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 form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. E-mail comments must also be sent to Idaho Power at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power Company's REC Management Plan has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Plan is also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov under "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the filing of Idaho Power's REC Management Plan be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons and the parties may file written comments no later than twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 23rd
day of April 2010.


JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


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Commission Secretary

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