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June 15, 2009

IPC-E-09-03

Re: Case No. IPC-E-09-03
Langley Gulch Power Plant

Commissioners:

The Fruitland Chamber of Commerce is pleased to join our affiliate chamber, the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce in support of the proposed Langley Gulch Power Plant. This project holds significant promise for the western Treasure Valley in many respects.

Proposed for Langley Gulch, an unobtrusive setting of dry range land off I-84 Exit 9, this project will not negatively impact land under cultivation, an important factor in this community. The plant will feature clean burning natural gas power generation as well the ability to integrate with wind, and solar sources. The design utilizes the latest technology to reduce air and noise pollution.

Member businesses of the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce recognize that Idaho Power's pledge to use locally produced goods, services and equipment suppliers will give a much needed boost to the local economy.

Payette County Work Force Trends, June 2009, published by the Idaho Department of Labor, gives a second quarter 2009 unemployment figure of 10.2% for Payette County as compared to the 7.8% unemployment figure for the state of Idaho. Clearly, the residents of Payette County are faring poorly in the current troubled economic climate.

The Langley Gulch project is expected to provide growth in short term and long term employment opportunities. Local construction workers numbering between 100 and 120 will be utilized during the two-year construction schedule. Additionally, Idaho Power expects to employ 18 full time workers at the finished facility.

The promise of reliable and affordable energy is a key element to attracting quality commerce and industry to this historically under-developed area. Once completed, the estimated 427 million dollar price tag will place Idaho Power as the top property tax payer in Payette County. This influx of monies to local government coffers will ease a tax burden shouldered heavily by small business and residential property tax payers.

Idaho Power's Langley Gulch project compliments the economic development efforts of the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce while respecting the sensitive issue of land stewardship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Draper
President, Fruitland Chamber of Commerce

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June 12, 2009

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Attn: Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
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Re: Case No. IPC-E-09-03

Commissioners,

I wanted to send this letter of support for the Idaho Power Langley Gulch Power Plant project. When we examine our power grid and the demands that growth is placing on that grid it is important that we plan for our future as well as the reliability and quality of service we expect from our power provider. Idaho Power is recognizing this responsibility through their Langley Gulch Power Plant project.

Reliable and affordable energy is important to the economic well being of the Western Treasure Valley. This project complements all of the economic development efforts in the Western treasure Valley and addresses the alternative energy efforts that companies require when they are looking at our area. Idaho Power's resource mix is a common question I have to share with companies in their site review process.

A project of this magnitude will create short and long term job opportunities. Indirectly this project supports job creation by those businesses that chose to locate and operate in our area. I recognize that Malheur County is in Oregon, but our quality of life is affected by decisions that Idaho Power makes and this project makes sense. The delivery of power to our homes and businesses is important, especially during those peak times in the summer when demand increases and reliability becomes more important.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jim Jensen".

Jim Jensen - Director
Malheur County Economic Development

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Jean Jewell

From: Elwood Kleaver [ekleaver@primaryhealth.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 10:56 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: Support of Idaho Power's Langley Gulch Project

Commissioners, as a member of the Boise Chamber Executive Committee, Chairman of the Boise Economic Valley Partnership, a member of the Boise Chamber Energy Committee, and the Chief Executive Officer for Primary Health Inc. I would encourage your support of Idaho Power's Langley Gulch Project. As a member of the Energy Committee we studied the energy needs of the Boise Valley and the surrounding area and we concluded that the timely construction and operation of the Langley Gulch plant is consistent with the Chamber's stated Energy Resources Policy. We conclude that the Langley Gulch Project will offer a reliable power supply, it is an economical alternative, a diversified portion of Idaho Power's resource portfolio, will supply jobs and tax revenues to the Valley now and into the future, will support and complements the development of additional renewable resources, it is environmentally responsible, and it will provide an economic stimulus to the area. Thank you for considering my request and if I can be of assistance, please contact me.
Elwood Kleaver