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Ms Jewell ,

The Treasure Valley and New Plymouth area has experienced considerable growth over the years and economic development plans continue seeking more business, more residents and more electrical needs. As leaders, it is our responsibility to demonstrate vision and foresight by setting direction and making policy decisions to ensure the quality of life not just for our individual communities, but for people across our state. *It is our responsibility to recognize the collective benefits to all communities.*

I would like to declare my support, especially during these difficult economic times, for projects that enable prosperity in our communities and therefore our state. Idaho Power's proposed Langley Gulch Power Plant is such a project, providing opportunity to lead our communities out of this recession. I see many benefits as a result of this project coming to New Plymouth, as well as many other communities and the entire area Idaho Power serves

For example, we need new jobs. More than 100 workers will be employed to construct this plant with an additional 18 permanent jobs to operate and maintain the facility. We also need to boost our economy. During construction, the New Plymouth and the western Treasure Valley area will see an increase in the use of local services and suppliers. Payette County as a whole also will benefit from an additional tax base

Electricity is as important as roads, sewers and water although there are growing demands on the power resources we have today. We need new resources. This may mean increasing power prices to customers; however, securing continued electrical service today costs us less in the long run. Reliable affordable energy remains important to our residents, business owners and farmers, and is critical to maintaining our way of life in southern Idaho.

In my opinion, Idaho Power needs to improve its electrical delivery system and expand its generating capacity to support growing communities. Reliable

electricity is essential to the economic health and vitality of our farms, businesses, homes, schools and medical facilities. Idaho Power is looking to invest in and build new infrastructure. I believe it is incumbent upon our local institutions and us as leaders to support this investment in our communities and our future.

The time is right to build this power plant. It will be good for the community of New Plymouth and the entire region. I urge The Idaho Public Utilities Commission to support this project. I am confident working together we will ensure the long term stability and success of our communities.

Thanking you in advance

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Cook", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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