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July 22, 2009

Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

Re: Case No. IPC-E-09-03 LANGLEY GULCH POWER PLANT

The City of Nampa strongly supports Idaho Power's Langley Gulch Power Plant project. We have had unprecedented growth throughout the entire Treasure Valley and need to develop additional energy infrastructure. Affordable, reliable energy is vital to the health of our communities and imperative for companies interested in bringing their businesses and jobs to the Western Treasure Valley.

The Langley Gulch Power Plant is a sound investment that will provide electrical needs for generations to come. This vital "green" project will be clean and efficient, moving us towards a better quality of life throughout our valley. It will also provide us with short and long-term employment opportunities, which is crucial. The proposed location is perfect and the time to build is now.

Idaho Power is planning accordingly for future growth and the delivery of power to homes and businesses for all our communities. We are thankful for the outstanding partnership Idaho Power has with our cities, counties, and rural areas and wholeheartedly endorse this essential project for the future success of us all.

Sincerely,

Tom Dale
Mayor

pc: Mike Ybarguen, Idaho Power Company



Mayor Tammy de Weerd
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Keith Bird
Brad Hoaglun
Charles Rountree
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July 22, 2009

The Honorable Jim D. Kempton
President
Idaho Public Utility Commission
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Dear President Kempton:

The City of Meridian as well as the Treasure Valley have experienced tremendous growth over the last 15 years. Meridian has transformed into a full-service community, where our residents now can live, work and play; however, this growth has also had dramatic impacts on our infrastructure needs. We have worked hard during this time to build our water and sewer lines and systems. We have also worked with ACHD with our growing road infrastructure needs and plans for future expansion. As elected leaders, we work to anticipate and meet the needs of the citizens while maintaining their quality of life. We appreciate that community partners, like Idaho Power, also work diligently to build infrastructure to do the same for our citizens.

To accomplish this goal, we understand significant capital investment is required to support growing communities. Idaho Power has worked diligently to improve and expand its generating capacity and electrical delivery system. This brings needed power to our local businesses, homes, schools, and hospitals – all of which are essential to the economic health and vitality of Meridian and the rest of the Treasure Valley. We have supported Idaho Power's efforts to continue to invest in and build the needed infrastructure for our electric system to help ensure economic opportunities and a high quality of life for Idaho's citizens for years to come.

To meet these and other needs, Idaho Power has applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Langley Gulch Generation Plant to the Idaho PUC. Ensuring adequate electricity for the Treasure Valley is dependent upon many factors, including new generation, conservation, and having a reliable transmission system. Absence of growing these efforts, will both negatively affect retention and/or expansion of our existing business base, but also will impact our ability to recruit new commercial and industrial businesses to the area. Failure to provide needed energy supplies, and address the existing transmission constraints here in the Treasure Valley, will severely hamper those efforts and the desirability of this region.

A key driver for our economic recovery and development is having inexpensive, reliable, and abundant energy to meet the needs of existing and future businesses. This requires having

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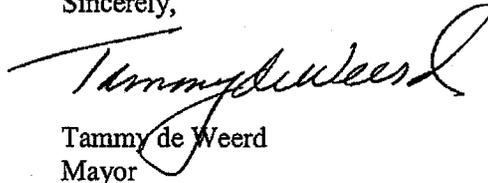
transmission lines and corridors to move generated electricity. Without adequate transmission, additional generation is irrelevant if it cannot be delivered to where the demand exists. Discussions are currently occurring regarding locating a new transmission corridor, requiring all stakeholders to work in collaboration to meet these needs.

Just as transmission needs must be met, short and long-term energy generation will need to be addressed as well. Each of our communities has diversified electrical needs along with our own peak demand cycles. It is to meet these and Idaho Power's own required demands that they hope to satisfy with the Langley Gulch Generation Plant. I encourage you to view their request in context of the overall needs of the Treasure Valley, and communities like Meridian, that will continue to be the economic engine to recovery providing the adequate tools, like clean, inexpensive, and adequate power.

We understand that making investments could possibly impact power prices. With the current financial realities facing many individuals and families in Meridian, we are sensitive to what increased costs can mean. However, failure to make the needed investment today can lead to insufficient infrastructure and more significant costs in the future.

Together, as elected, appointed, and community leaders, we can address the challenges that we face in growing communities like Meridian and the State of Idaho. With fair rates, Idaho Power will be able to build the needed infrastructure that will keep them healthy and serving future generations of Idaho citizens. This will ultimately best serve our communities future energy future needs and long-term success and support Idaho Power's efforts.

Sincerely,



Tammy de Weerd
Mayor

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IPUC Commissioners
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Boise, ID 83720-0074
Re: IPC-E-09-03

July 20, 2009

Dear Commissioners,

The Board of Directors of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce recently voted to support Idaho Power Company's proposed Langley Gulch Power Plant in Payette County, and we urge you to approve this proposal.

Representing one of Idaho's fastest growing cities over the last decade and a half, Meridian's leaders are well aware of the need for continued energy generation and transmission to serve the growing needs of existing residents and businesses, as well as to plan for new residents and new businesses. At the same time, we support facilities that utilize the latest technology for clean energy, and that can accept energy generated by other new, clean sources and bring those onto the power grid.

From our review of the proposal, it is clear that this project provides for existing needs, but more importantly, plans for the future energy needs of the Treasure Valley. Continued economic development requires a trustworthy energy source, and the lack of it can affect the growth of existing companies and scare away prospective relocations. In short, this project is vital to a healthy, growing Treasure Valley.

On behalf of our nearly 600 member businesses, who have benefited from the area's reliable and low-cost electricity, we hope that you will act to extend those business-friendly benefits to future companies by approving the Langley Gulch Power Plant.

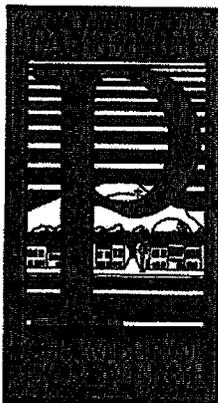
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President

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July 21, 2009

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Case No. IPC-E-09-03
Langley Gulch Power Plant

Commissioners,

Given the visible growth in the Payette County area and the consistent interest in creating new infrastructure, the Payette Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors feels that we must add our support for this project.

The realization and reality is the Payette community has grown every year which has, in fact, created a need for more power. We, as a Board, realize that the community has lost a few opportunities for industry to come into the area due to the lack of energy resources.

The proposed location of the facility is perfect with the gas and transmission lines nearby. The fact that the construction of this plant would only have a minimal impact on the environment is very refreshing and the fact that the land will be used to produce a clean source of energy pleases us immensely.

Given the economic times we are in, we, the Payette Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, are very happy to hear that most of the construction of this plant would be bid out to local construction companies. Given the fact that construction of this plant is estimated to take approximately two years, this can only help stimulate our local economy.

We, the Payette Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, applaud Idaho Power for being insightful in planning for the future of our energy needs and hope the commission will grant the request to build this plant. It can benefit all of us in this community as well as the communities around us.

Sincerely,

Jody Clements

Jody Clements
President
Payette Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

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Comments Prepared by Portneuf Medical Center, Pocatello, Idaho
Before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Regarding Idaho Power's Request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
For the Langley Gulch Power Plant; case number IPC-E-09-03 – Idaho Power –CPCN for the
Langley Gulch Power Plant

July 21, 2009

Commissioners:

Portneuf Medical Center supports the timely construction and operation of the Langley Gulch Power Plant.

Portneuf Medical Center, in partnership with Legacy Hospital Partners, is constructing a new single-campus, 187 bed facility that will be the most advanced medical center in the state of Idaho. The projected completion of this project is mid-2011. Portneuf Medical Center's ability to safely and effectively serve the residents of Southeast Idaho is dependant in part upon renewable, affordable energy resources. The on-demand energy needs of this over 400,000 square feet community hospital will be considerable.

Idaho Power's ability and commitment to provide reliable, responsible energy services to its customer's in Southeast Idaho is essential to the economic growth and stimulus in this area. The projected completion of the Langley Gulch Power Plant in the proposed time frame is critical to PMC, but also to the recruitment of new commercial and industrial businesses to our region.

Portneuf Medical Center and Idaho Power share similar goals of good stewardship. PMC is committed to providing 400+ jobs during our construction period. Idaho Power will also employ local labor to build this plant and will provide additional permanent positions to operate and maintain the facility. From an environmental standpoint, Portneuf Medical Center has thoroughly researched the most cost-effective ways to maximize "green" attributes throughout our new facility. PMC will utilize low emissions materials, recycled materials and a low reflectivity roof. Likewise, Idaho Power "is using the latest air emissions control technologies and best practices to ensure this plant is equally clean, safe and efficient and meets all federal, state and local standards".

As a healthcare leader in Southeast Idaho, Portneuf Medical Center supports the continued research and development of renewable, economical energy sources. The Langley Gulch Power Plant project is an answer to the safe, sustainable energy resource needed to help our region thrive.

Norman Stephens
Chief Executive Officer
Portneuf Medical Center



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Re: Idaho Power Langley Gulch Power Plant

Dear Commissioners:

Idaho Ore Planning & Development Association, Inc. dba Sage Community Resources is the designated Economic Development District for the ten counties in southwest Idaho. This area covers more than 22,000 square miles and is comprised of almost 50% of the state's population. Formed in 1971, our board of directors consists primarily of County and City elected officials. Key to our mission at Sage is to assist our membership in creating the conditions upon which private investment and economic development can occur, resulting in viable, healthy and sustainable communities.

While we support the critical need to develop alternative energy sources, our region is further challenged by lack of solar, wind or other acceptable and affordable options that can provide 'on demand' power at any time. The Langley Gulch Power Plant will be able to provide an immediate and constant source of power that is essential to economic development and growth in the region. Through the operating flexibility, this project will provide backup power to other forms of energy that are or may be developed in the future.

The proposed site is 137 acres of undeveloped range land in rural Payette County. The facility will provide much needed economic stimulus in the form of approximately 100 construction related jobs as well as 18 permanent jobs after completion in the ongoing operation of the facility. Secondary and tertiary benefits will result from use of local services, materials, equipment and suppliers as well as a considerable increase in the tax revenue in Payette County.

As the Western Treasure Valley is also concerned with air quality issues, the use of environmentally responsible power generation through utilization of the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) is also a strongly supported component of the project.

Longer term impact is difficult to gauge but the capacity to retain, grow and attract a diverse and strong economic base in the region cannot be underestimated. The Langley Gulch Power Plant project will provide power system reliability by increasing the base-load generation capacity and ultimately, help many communities in the region to develop and thrive.

In conclusion, on behalf of the ten county region served by Sage Community Resources, we submit our support for the Langley Gulch Power Plant.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Sage Community Resources

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Case Number: IPC-E-09-03 - IDAHO POWER -- CPCN FOR THE LANGLEY GULCH POWER PLANT

Commissioners:

As Idaho continues to see an influx in new businesses, business expansions and new residents, the state is gearing up to provide more electric power as well as new energy from renewable/alternative sources. Idaho remains among the lowest in the United States for energy costs, thanks to its many resources for energy. This is a significant asset to new and existing businesses requiring large power supplies looking to relocate or expand.

Idaho Power is working to keep up with the growing electricity needs of farmers, businesses and residents. An important step in this direction is the future construction of the Langley Gulch Power Plant in southwest Idaho. This 300 megawatt natural gas-fired combined-cycle combustion turbine plant is slated to be operational in 2012, utilizing the best available control technology to minimize emissions, while maintaining a balance between environmental concerns and costs. The plant can be run for long periods of time and one that can be brought up and down quickly to meet power demands, making this combined cycle plant an excellent resource for integration of wind and solar energy. Langley Gulch will create up to 120 job opportunities, both short and long term. Eighteen additional jobs will be needed to maintain and operate the plant. Upon completion, Idaho Power will pay property taxes, contributing to the tax base.

Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization (SIEDO) supports Idaho Power in their efforts to meet the current and future electrical needs of southern Idaho. The Langley Gulch Project is an alternative resource that will offer a reliable power supply, support future development of alternative/renewable energies, added tax revenue, a supply of short and long term employment and economic stimulus. Langley Gulch also shows Idaho Power's commitment and responsibility to our environment. We hope that you will support this important project.

Respectfully,

Jan Rogers
Executive Director

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Jean Jewell

From: lisalotus@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 4:45 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from lisa lintner, l.ac. follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-09-03
Name: lisa lintner, l.ac.
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Zip: 83333
Daytime Telephone: 208-720-6711
Contact E-Mail: lisalotus@cox.net
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

Idaho Power has not demonstrated a need for the Langley Gulch gas plant at this time, and a decision on the Langley Gulch certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) proceeding should be suspended until both economic and long-term planning issues are resolved.

- Idaho Power's application was submitted based on outdated forecasts of load growth, which have sharply reduced as a result of the global economic recession. Given current forecasted load growth it is unlikely that the Langley Gulch plant will be needed.
- The proposed plant would cost \$427 million to construct. This would be the most expensive plant constructed in over 50 years by Idaho Power and the resultant costs of this plant can only be justified when a need for new generation is demonstrated.
- Idaho Power has recently put its Integrated Resource Plan process on hold after recognizing its economic and load forecast data are out-dated. Without accurate and accessible data to evaluate the resources needed by Idaho Power to meet load growth, it is premature to make a decision on the Langley Gulch plant.
- This plant would be used both for baseload energy and 'peaking' requirements during high-use summer months. If built, this plant would essentially displace the need for very expensive peaking plants ratepayers are already paying for. Furthermore, construction of a 330MW plant could remove incentives for the company to build or purchase less expensive renewable energy such as wind or geothermal. Energy efficiency is by far the cheapest way to address Idaho Power's production needs, and Idaho Power has a huge amount of untapped energy efficiency and conservation. It is to the benefit of the ratepayers if energy efficiency is explored as a viable alternative to another peak generation plant.
- Also, on May 21, IDACORP shareholders directed the company to create a plan to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by September 30. It would be a huge mistake to build a fossil fuel power plant before the company reports on how it will reduce those emissions.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
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Jean Jewell

From: neilandleslie@mac.com
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 4:19 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Leslie Bradshaw follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-09-03
Name: Leslie Bradshaw
Address: PO Box 7217
City: Ketchum
State: Idaho
Zip: 83340
Daytime Telephone: 2087212135
Contact E-Mail: neilandleslie@mac.com
Name of Utility Company:
Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am writing to ask you to deny Idaho Power's proposed plan for a \$400 million gas plant in Langley Gulch. It is not prudent to move forward with such an expensive project when so much has changed in the economic landscape and Idaho Power's own projects are out of date. Idaho Power has not demonstrated a need for this energy and this energy would be far more expensive than energy savings measures. Moving forward on this plant at this point seems particularly foolhardy given that Idaho Power shareholders recently instructed the company to create a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by September 30th. Whatever plan is the result of this process will surely change the outlook for energy production and must be considered. Please deny the Langley Gulch application.

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Jean Jewell

From: shawn@twinfallschamber.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2009 4:59 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Shawn Barigar follows:

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Name: Shawn Barigar
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State: ID
Zip: 83301
Daytime Telephone: 208-733-3974
Contact E-Mail: shawn@twinfallschamber.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co.
Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce represents 864 business members in South Central Idaho, providing them a strong business voice, vision, and focused leadership to enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in our community. On behalf of our business membership, I offer our support for Idaho Power's proposed Langley Gulch Power Plant.

This project offers the opportunity for diversity in Idaho Power's power source portfolio, will provide reliable power supply, is financially responsible, and will support the economy through the construction phase as well as after operational status is achieved with new jobs and revenues for the Idaho communities which Idaho Power serves.

Idaho Power has a proven track record of being a responsible corporate citizen in our State. The company is a partner in economic development and business sustainability. They provide the essential and necessary electrical service to power industry, agriculture, public facilities, Main Street storefronts, and homes.

In South Central Idaho, we're proud of our diverse economy. Agriculture continues to be our base. But we have added manufacturing facilities, high-tech sectors, and growing retail and recreational opportunities to our local economy. All of these depend on the availability of low-cost and efficient energy resources in the future.

The Langley Gulch Generation Plant is an important project for Idaho Power and for our State and its residents. We encourage your approval of the necessary actions to move this project forward.

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