

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. IPC-E-09-07
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)	
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
DUE TO THE INCLUSION OF ADVANCED)	
METERING INFRASTRUCTURE ("AMI"))	NOTICE OF
INVESTMENT IN RATE BASE)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 30764

On March 13, 2009, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") submitted an Application, pursuant to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502, 61-502A and 61-507, and Commission Rules of Procedure 52, 121 and 123, for authority to increase its rates due to the inclusion of Advance Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") investment in rate base. The Company requested that its Application be processed through Modified Procedure. IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power proposes a uniform percentage increase of 1.61% to Tariff Schedules 1, 4, 5, 7, 9 secondary, 24 secondary, 41 metered service, and 42 (residential, small commercial, irrigation, and metered lighting customer classes).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power requests that the proposed increase take effect on June 1, 2009, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, for service provided on and after that date.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power cites its investment in AMI through the end of May 2010 into the Company's rate base/revenue requirement as justification for the increase. The Company seeks to include the capital investment it has made thus far pursuant to a CPCN authorizing the installation of AMI throughout its service territory, *see* Commission Order No. 30726, as well as investment made during a proposed June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2010, test year.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power estimates that the 13-month average plant in service associated with the AMI system for the proposed test year is

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\$23,981,251. The Company asserts that, after applying the Commission authorized rate-of-return of 8.18%, authorized three-year depreciation period, Operation and Maintenance benefits, and applicable tax rates, an increase of \$11,181,318 to the Idaho jurisdictional revenue requirement is warranted.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power's Application includes reductions for removed metering equipment and changes in operating expenses that accompany the changes in plant investment in its calculations.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power has included revised/proposed tariff sheets reflecting the proposed increase to the Idaho jurisdictional revenue requirement; and a report comparing revenues under its existing rates and revenues generated under its proposed revenue requirement as Attachments 1-3 to its Application.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power filed the testimony of Gregory W. Said, Director of State Regulation in the Pricing and Regulatory Services Department, and Courtney Waites, Pricing Analyst, simultaneously with, and in support of, its Application.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, supporting workpapers, testimonies, and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's offices. The Application and testimonies are also available on the Commission's Website at www.puc.idaho.gov under "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings in Case No. IPC-E-09-07. The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented in this case and that issues raised by the Company's filing may be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. In so doing, the Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission may not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used. IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no protests or written comments are received within the deadline, the Commission will consider the matter and enter its Order without a hearing. If protests or comments are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and may, in its discretion, set the matter for hearing or decide the matter and issue its Order on the basis of the written positions before it. IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

NOTICE OF COMMENT/PROTEST DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the deadline for filing written comments or protests with respect to the Application and the Commission's use of Modified Procedure in Case No. IPC-E-09-07 is **45 days from the service date of this Order**. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written protests or comments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning this case, should be mailed to the Commission and to the Company 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 homepage located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed above.

COMMISSION FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

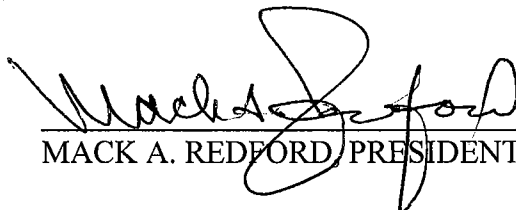
The Idaho Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502, 61-502A and 61-507, and Commission Rules of Procedure 52, 121 and 123, has jurisdiction over Idaho Power Company and its Application for authority to increase its rates due to the inclusion of Advance Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”) investment in rate base.

The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented in this case, and that issues raised by the Company’s filing may be processed under Modified Procedure, by written submission rather than by hearing. IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. In so doing, the Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Idaho Power’s Application be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments regarding Case No. IPC-E-09-07 or protesting the use of Modified Procedure should do so no later than 45 days from the service date of this Order.

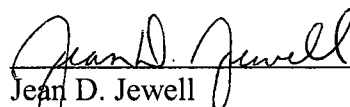
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 2nd
day of April 2009.


MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT


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