

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )**  
**OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR )** **CASE NO. IPC-E-09-24**  
**APPROVAL OF A FIRM ENERGY SALES )**  
**AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE AND )** **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY )**  
**BETWEEN IDAHO POWER COMPANY, )** **NOTICE OF**  
**CASSIA GULCH WIND PARK LLC AND )** **MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
**TUANA SPRINGS ENERGY LLC )**  
**)** **NOTICE OF**  
**)** **COMMENT/PROTEST DEADLINE**

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on August 11, 2009, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power; Company) filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting approval of a 20-year Firm Energy Sales Agreement between Idaho Power and Cassia Gulch Wind Park LLC (Cassia Gulch) and Tuana Springs Energy LLC (Tuana Springs) dated August 5, 2009 (Agreement).

**AGREEMENT**

Cassia Gulch currently owns, maintains and operates an existing 18.9 MW wind generating facility located near Hagerman, Idaho approximately 4.3 miles west of Idaho Power's lower Malad substation. Reference Case No. IPC-E-06-11, Order No. 30087.

Tuana Springs proposes to design, construct, own, operate and maintain a new 16.8 MW wind generating facility adjacent to and as an expansion of the Cassia Gulch facility. It is the contract parties' intent that the Cassia Gulch agreement remain in full force and effect until such time as the expansion facilities (Tuana Springs Expansion) have achieved their operation date of June 30, 2010. At such time the Cassia Gulch agreement shall automatically terminate and shall be replaced by this new Agreement. The net energy from the Cassia Gulch and Tuana Springs Expansion will be combined into a single qualifying facility (QF) with a nameplate rating of 35.7 MW.

The purchase price contained in the Agreement was established by running the Aurora economic dispatch model consistent with the Commission's requirements for projects larger than 10 MW. The purchase price established by running the Aurora economic dispatch model was then blended with the prices contained within the existing Cassia Gulch Wind Farm

Agreement in order to preserve the value of the existing Cassia Gulch Wind Farm agreement for the Idaho Power ratepayers.

Idaho Power requests that the Commission issue an Order approving the Firm Energy Sales Agreement with Cassia Gulch and Tuana Springs without change or condition and declaring that all payments for purchases of energy under the Firm Energy Sales Agreement be allowed as prudently incurred expenses for ratemaking purposes. Agreement ¶ 21.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. IPC-E-09-24. The Commission has preliminarily found that the public interest in this matter may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that issues raised by the Company's filing may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the **deadline for filing written comments or protests** with respect to Idaho Power's Application and the use of Modified Procedure in Case No. IPC-E-09-24 is **Wednesday, September 23, 2009**.

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

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. IPC-E-09-24 should be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below.

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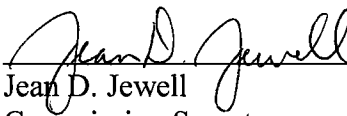
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All comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application in Case No. IPC-E-09-24 may be viewed at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) by clicking on "File Room" and "Electric Cases," or can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and at the general business office of Idaho Power Company, 1221 West Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009.

  
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Commission Secretary

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