

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION</b>	)	
<b>OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AN</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. IPC-E-09-30</b>
<b>ACCOUNTING ORDER TO AMORTIZE</b>	)	
<b>ADDITIONAL ACCUMULATED DEFERRAL</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF APPLICATION</b>
<b>INCOME TAX CREDIT AND APPROVING A</b>	)	
<b>RATE CASE MORATORIUM</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF</b>
	)	<b>INTERVENTION DEADLINE</b>
	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 30949</b>

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 6, 2009, Idaho Power Company filed an Application requesting a Commission Order to authorize the Company to amortize accumulated deferred investment tax credits (ADITC), and approving a Stipulation signed by the Company, Staff and five other parties. The Stipulation calls for a moratorium on a general rate case; establishes Idaho Power's permitted use of ADITC for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011; establishes a sharing mechanism for potential revenue sharing; and proposes base rate adjustments based on results of the 2010 annual Power Cost Adjustment (PCA).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Stipulation states that Idaho Power will not file a general rate case that would change its revenue requirement and resulting rates to become effective prior to January 1, 2012. The rate case moratorium does not affect other revenue requirement proceedings, such as the PCA, the Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA), an annual advanced metering infrastructure rate adjustment, an annual pension expense recovery, or the energy efficiency rider adjustment.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Accounting Order the Company requests affects its use of ADITC. If the Company's return on equity falls below 9.5%, the Company would be permitted to amortize additional ADITC in an amount up to \$45 million over the three-year period 2009-2011. The Company could use no more than \$15 million of additional amortization in one year (unless there is a carryover), and if the Company's return on equity exceeds 10.5%, the Company will share 50% of any profits in excess of a 10.5% return on equity with customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Stipulation also proposes base rate adjustments based on 2010 PCA results. Because Idaho Power and the parties anticipate the PCA rate calculation for 2010 will be a substantial reduction in PCA rates, the Company will request that the Commission change the base level for net power supply expenses to be used for both base rates and PCA calculations. The Stipulation provides that 2010 PCA reduction up to the first \$40 million will be allocated equally between customers and the Company. The Company's share of this PCA rate reduction would be applied to increase permanent base rates on a uniform percentage basis to all customer classes and contract customers. The customers' share of this PCA rate reduction would be a direct customer rate reduction. All of the PCA rate reduction above \$40 million up to \$60 million will be provided directly to customers as a rate reduction. A 2010 PCA rate reduction in excess of \$60 million will be applied to absorb any increase in the base level for net power supply expenses. If the 2010 PCA rate reduction exceeds \$60 million, plus the established increase in base net power supply expenses, the next \$10 million will be shared equally between the Company and its customers and any remainder will go entirely to customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application together with supporting testimonies and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies and exhibits are also available on the Commission's web site at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) by clicking on "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

#### **DEADLINE FOR INTERVENTION**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and .073. Persons intending to participate at hearing must file a Petition to Intervene no later than fourteen (14) days from the service date of this Order. Persons seeking intervenor status shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their electronic mail address to facilitate further communications in this matter.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or to other parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the deadline for intervention has passed, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that after the Notice of Parties is issued, the Commission anticipates that the parties will informally convene to devise a recommended schedule to process this case. In addition to the schedule, the parties may discuss discovery logistics, electronic service, and other scheduling matters.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-124, 61-125, 61-307, 61-502, 61-503, and 61-507. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

#### **ORDER**

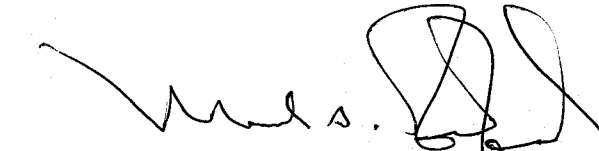
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examination at hearing shall file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than fourteen (14) days from the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after the Notice of Parties is issued, the Staff shall informally convene a prehearing conference with the parties to discuss the processing of this case.

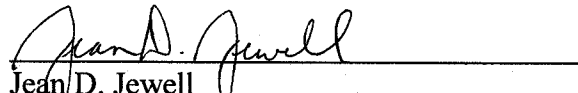
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 23<sup>rd</sup>  
day of November 2009.

  
JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT

  
MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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