

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)	CASE NO. IPC-E-09-31
AUTHORITY TO SELL TO RAFT RIVER)	
RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CERTAIN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION)	
FACILITIES CURRENTLY OWNED BY)	NOTICE OF
IDAHO POWER)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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)	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
)	
)	ORDER NO. 30963

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 10, 2009, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") filed an Application with the Commission for authority, pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-328 and RP 52, to sell to Raft River Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Raft River") certain electric distribution facilities and appurtenant rights-of-way owned by Idaho Power in southern Twin Falls County, Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Raft River is a non-profit cooperative electrical corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Idaho, providing retail electric service to its members in the States of Idaho, Utah, and Nevada. Raft River is headquartered in Malta, Cassia County, Idaho. Raft River is not subject to regulation by the Commission.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power has agreed to sell to Raft River the portion of the Border 011 Feeder Line ("Feeder Line") located in the State of Idaho. The Feeder Line is used solely to serve Raft River and is classified as a dedicated distribution primary facility.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the wholesale transportation of energy across the Feeder Line to Raft River's facilities is subject to FERC jurisdiction.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power's method of valuation for the Feeder Line, including appurtenant right-of-way permits, will be the net book cost as valued on Idaho Power's books and records immediately prior to the closing date adjusted for income tax

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impacts. Idaho Power estimates that the sale price will be approximately \$72,000.00, including a tax gross-up.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power does not use the Feeder Line to serve any retail customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application is also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. 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 any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within **twenty-one (21) days** from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street
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Rexburg, ID 83340

Heber Carpenter
General Manager
Raft River Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
PO Box 617
Malta, ID 83342

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 home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on 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 the Applicant at the e-mail addresses listed above.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will, pursuant to the requirements found in *Idaho Code* § 61-328, conduct a public hearing in Case No. IPC-E-09-31. The hearing will commence at **10:00 A.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010, AT THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON, BOISE, IDAHO.** At this meeting, customers will have an opportunity to offer sworn testimony regarding Idaho Power's Application seeking authority to sell to Raft River Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Raft River"), certain electric distribution facilities and appurtenant rights-of-way owned by Idaho Power in southern Twin Falls County, Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* § 61-328. 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 this Application will be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons may submit written comments regarding this case or protesting the use of Modified Procedure no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order. Parties may also elect to offer testimony at the public hearing to be held at 10:00 a.m., January 12, 2010, in the Commission Hearing Room.

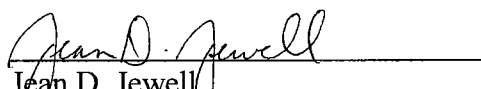
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16th
day of December 2009.


JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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