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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT)
OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)) CASE NO. IPC-E-10-03
GUIDELINES FOR THE PROCUREMENT)
OF SUPPLY-SIDE RESOURCES BY IDAHO) COMMISSION STAFF'S
POWER COMPANY) MOTION TO CLOSE CASE
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The Commission Staff, by its attorney of record, files this Motion to Close Case. This case to develop guidelines for Idaho Power's procurement of supply-side resources grew out of a generic docket, Case No. GNR-E-08-03. Petitioners representing industrial and irrigation companies initiated that generic case asking the Commission to open an investigation to establish competitive bidding guidelines for the Request for Proposal (RFP) process used when supply-side resources are acquired by Idaho Power, PacifiCorp, and Avista. The Commission subsequently issued Order No. 30999 limiting the case to Idaho Power after Avista and PacifiCorp notified the Commission that their process in Idaho would conform to RFP requirements they are obligated to in other states. Order No. 30999, p. 5. Thereafter, Idaho Power filed a draft set of RFP guidelines and Commission Staff hosted a public workshop in the case on February 25, 2010. No further action was taken in the case.

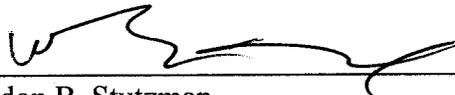
Staff recently contacted Idaho Power to inquire as to the appropriate direction for the case and determined to file this Motion to Close Case based on two assurances provided by

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Idaho Power in a letter to Staff dated January 2, 2013. The Company states in its letter that it does not currently anticipate the need to issue an RFP for a supply-side resource in the near future. The Company's Integrated Resource Plan that is regularly filed with the Commission will update the Commission on the Company's need for additional supply-side resources well in advance of commencement of the RFP process. Second, Idaho Power confirms that it is bound by competitive bidding guidelines in the State of Oregon for its RFP process, and that the Company will comply with those competitive bidding guidelines in Idaho. Finally, should Idaho Power seek to obtain a supply-side resource in the future, the Commission and interested parties will be notified well enough in advance of the procurement process to initiate another proceeding, if appropriate, to establish competitive bidding guidelines for the project's RFP process. A copy of the January 2, 2013, letter is attached to this Motion.

Based on the current status of Idaho Power's plans, or lack thereof, to obtain a supply-side resource in the near future, the Company's assurance that it will comply with the competitive guidelines in place for the Company in Oregon, Staff files this Motion requesting the Commission close Case No. IPC-E-10-03.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of January 2013.



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January 2, 2013

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Re: IPC-E-10-03 – In the Matter of the Development of Request for Proposal (RFP) Guidelines for the Procurement of Supply-Side Resources by Idaho Power Company

Dear Mr. Stutzman:

At the request of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Staff ("Staff"), Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") submits this letter in order to facilitate the closure of Idaho Public Utility Commission ("IPUC" or "Commission") Case No. IPC-E-10-03, an investigation into the desirability of establishing competitive bidding guidelines for the procurement of supply-side resources.

Idaho Power does not currently anticipate the need to issue a RFP for a supply-side resource in the near future. In the interim, through the ongoing planning process for Idaho Power's Integrated Resource Plan, the Company will continue to update the Commission and Staff on the current status of the Company's need for additional supply-side resources.

Idaho Power also conforms to the Competitive Bidding Guidelines in the state of Oregon. The Company continues its involvement in Phase II of Oregon Public Utility Commission Case No. UM 1182, a competitive bidding investigation intended to provide further refinement to the comparison of relevant risks associated with resource acquisitions. Depending on the outcome of that case, the Company may revise its current practices and procedures in order to be compliant with future requirements of the Oregon guidelines.

In light of the fact that Idaho Power does not anticipate a need to issue a RFP for a supply-side resource in the near future and the Company's planned compliance with the Competitive Bidding Guidelines in Oregon, Idaho Power supports the Staff's position that IPUC Case No. IPC-E-10-03 should be closed. Prior to the Company issuing a RFP for a supply-side resource, the Commission or the Staff may initiate another proceeding to review the Company's practices and procedures, and may choose to

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establish competitive bidding guidelines for the procurement of supply-side resources in the state of Idaho, if deemed necessary.

Sincerely,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY 2013, SERVED THE FOREGOING **COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION TO CLOSE CASE**, IN CASE NO. IPC-E-10-03, BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE FOLLOWING:

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