

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR A) **CASE NO. IPC-E-11-10**
DETERMINATION REGARDING THE)
FIRM ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT)
WITH INTERCONNECT SOLAR) **ORDER NO. 32347**
DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR THE SALE)
AND PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY)

On June 17, 2011, Idaho Power Company filed an Application with the Commission requesting acceptance or rejection of a 25-year Firm Energy Sales Agreement (Agreement) between Idaho Power and Interconnect Solar Development LLC (Interconnect Solar; Project). On July 8, 2011, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting a comment deadline of August 4, 2011. Idaho Power and Interconnect Solar were given until August 11, 2011, to file reply comments.

On July 28, 2011, Staff filed a Motion to Extend the original comment deadlines. Staff indicated that, as the first solar project to have rates calculated based on the IRP Methodology, the Interconnect Solar Application raised new, unique issues that Staff requested additional time to review. Based on the issues presented by Staff, on August 2, 2011, the Commission issued an Order extending the comment deadline until September 29, 2011, and reply comment deadline until October 6, 2011. Order No. 32308.

On August 3, 2011, Interconnect Solar filed an answer to Staff's Motion. The Project does not oppose additional time for Staff to complete its investigation. However, Interconnect Solar maintained that Staff's proposed schedule would cause the Project to no longer be commercially viable and would force the Project into default of its contractual obligation with Idaho Power.

In consideration of all of the parties' objectives, Commission Staff, the Project and Idaho Power have worked together to expedite discovery. As a result, on August 25, 2011, Staff filed a new Motion to Modify the Deadline for Comments. Staff asserted that it is prepared to file comments in advance of the September 29, 2011, deadline. Neither Interconnect Solar nor Idaho Power opposed Staff's Motion. Consequently, the Commission modifies the comment period as follows:

Initial comments due
Reply comments due

September 9, 2011
September 16, 2011

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the comment period in this case is modified so that initial comments are due by September 9, 2011, and reply comments are due by September 16, 2011.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 30th day of August 2011.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

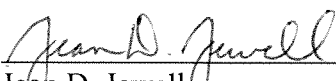


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