

**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. 32364**  
**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). The case was processed by Modified Procedure. Following the submission of comments by the parties and the public the case was fully submitted for the Commission's consideration.

On September 20, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 32361. The Commission noted that all parties had acknowledged a computational error that was made in the escalation rate that was applied to the CCCT capital cost component from the 2009 IRP that was carried through and used in the IRP pricing model for the Interconnect Solar project. We stated that we would not be fulfilling our role of ensuring just and reasonable rates if we approved an Agreement that contained a known computational error. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-301, 61-502. In an effort to permit the parties an opportunity to correct the mathematical error without creating undue delay, the Commission allowed Idaho Power and Interconnect Solar until September 27, 2011, to resubmit their Firm Energy Sales Agreement with accurate calculations prior to the Commission making a final determination regarding the Agreement.

On September 23, 2011, Interconnect Solar filed a Motion for Extension of Time. Interconnect Solar requested that the Commission allow the parties until September 29, 2011, to resubmit their Agreement. The Project's Motion was considered at the Commission's decision meeting held on September 26, 2011. During the meeting, Interconnect Solar and Idaho Power notified the Commission that, due to the nature of the changes, it would be impossible to complete and submit a corrected and signed Agreement by the originally requested extension date. Interconnect Solar asked that the Commission allow the Project and Idaho Power until October 13, 2011, to resubmit a Firm Energy Sales Agreement with correct computations.


## **DISCUSSION**

The Commission allowed Interconnect Solar and Idaho Power an opportunity to correct a mathematical error in their Agreement prior to the Commission deliberating because, as we stated, this Commission cannot approve an agreement with a known computational error. Recognizing Interconnect Solar's constrained timelines and prior requests for expediency, we directed that any corrected Agreement be resubmitted to the Commission no later than September 27, 2011. Interconnect Solar is the party presently requesting an extension of the September 27 deadline. No other party to the case opposes the Project's request. Consequently, we grant Interconnect Solar's request to allow the Project and Idaho Power until October 13, 2011, to resubmit an Agreement with correct computations. Based on the record established by the parties as of October 13, 2011, the Commission will proceed with deliberations and issue its final Order regarding approval or disapproval of the Agreement.

## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Interconnect Solar's Motion for Extension of Time is granted. Idaho Power and Interconnect Solar have until October 13, 2011, to resubmit their Firm Energy Sales Agreement with accurate calculations prior to the Commission making a final determination regarding the Agreement.

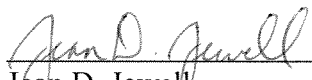
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of September 2011.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

  
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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

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Commission Secretary

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