

## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR	)	CASE NO. IPC-E-11-16
APPROVAL OF ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY	)	
INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE	)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
IDAHO OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES	)	
	)	NOTICE OF
	)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
	)	
	)	ORDER NO. 32342

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On August 10, 2011, Idaho Power Company applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission under *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501, 61-502, and 61-503 for an Order approving the Company's July 21, 2011 Energy Efficiency Incentive Agreement with the Idaho Office of Energy Resources ("OER"). The Company attached a copy of the Agreement to the Application. The Company states the Agreement will facilitate the parties' ability to promote cost-effective energy efficiency measures in public schools. Application at 1-2. The Company asks the Commission to process the matter under Modified Procedure. The Commission hereby notifies interested parties about the Application and establishes the procedures by which this matter will be considered.

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Idaho Power and OER entered the Agreement effective July 21, 2011. *See* Application at 1. The parties acknowledge, however, that if "it is determined that [the] Agreement requires the express approval/acknowledgment of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("IPUC"), [the] Agreement shall not become finally effective until the" IPUC unconditionally approves it. Agreement, § 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power offers energy efficiency programs that involve incentive payments to customers. Application at 2. OER, on the other hand, currently implements a federally-funded, K-12 Energy Efficiency Project for public schools. *Id.* at 2. OER has about \$9.6 million in federal funds available for the Project over the next 12 months. *Id.* at 2; Agreement § 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the parties have entered the Agreement to enable Idaho Power to place its incentive payments for qualifying, OER-funded school projects

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into a dedicated fund for future use on additional school projects identified by OER. Application at 2-3; Agreement §§ 2-4. The parties believe this arrangement will maximize the use of available dollars and allow OER's energy efficiency initiatives to benefit Idaho Power's public school customers when federal funds are no longer available. Application at 2; Agreement § 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that under the Agreement, OER will invest federal funds into energy efficiency projects for Idaho Power's public school customers. Application at 2. OER then will attempt to qualify the projects for Idaho Power's energy efficiency programs. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that whenever an OER-funded project qualifies for an Idaho Power energy efficiency program, Idaho Power will deposit a corresponding energy efficiency incentive payment into a dedicated fund held by Idaho Power. Application at 3. The accumulating deposits will be limited to paying for additional energy efficiency measures for Idaho Power customers identified by the OER's K-12 Energy Efficiency Project. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the parties intend that qualification for and payment of Idaho Power incentives under the Agreement, as well as the directed re-investment of incentive money into additional energy efficiency measures, will be "as close to identical as possible" to the qualifications for and payments from Idaho Power's other customer-related incentive and energy efficiency programs. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Agreement requires the parties to keep records so the parties and regulatory agencies will be able to audit the prudence of OER's initial investment, IPC's incentive payments, and OER's subsequent use and reinvestment of the incentive funds. Agreement § 5.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power asks the Commission to handle this matter under Modified Procedure, RP 201 *et seq.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power has filed its Application and a copy of the Agreement with the Commission. These documents are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The documents 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" by case number.

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 that 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.*

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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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on Idaho Power's Application and the 2011 Agreement **may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by September 20, 2011.** 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 Idaho Power at the addresses reflected below:

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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](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this

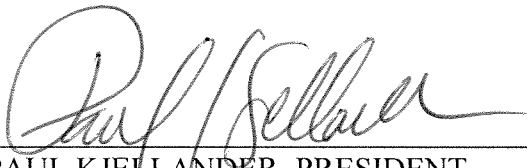
document. These comments must also be sent to Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons wishing to file comments must do so no later September 20, 2011.

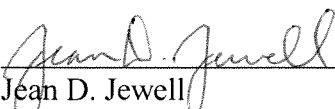
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2011.

  
PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

  
MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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