

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER)
COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO INCREASE) CASE NO. IPC-E-12-09
ITS ELECTRIC RATES TO RECOVER THE)
BOARDMAN BALANCING ACCOUNT) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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) ORDER NO. 32511
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On February 15, 2012, Idaho Power Company applied to the Commission for an Order authorizing the Company to increase its rates to begin recovery of the Boardman balancing account.¹ The Company seeks to recover \$1,583,373 in annual revenue, which the Company says results in a uniform percentage increase of 0.18% to all customer classes. The Company asks that the rate change take effect on June 1, 2012.

The Commission subsequently set a 14-day intervention deadline and an April 5, 2012 public workshop. *See* Order No. 32479. No parties intervened, and the workshop occurred. At the workshop, Staff and the Company agreed to use Modified Procedure, with Staff comments due May 3, 2012, and the Company's reply (if any) due May 15, 2012.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and that it 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 the Application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Report also is available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

¹ The Company concurrently filed three other applications. *See* Case Nos. IPC-E-12-06, IPC-E-12-07, and IPC-E-12-08. The Company claims the four filings will cumulatively decrease rates for most customers. The Company describes the cumulative rate impact for the major customer classes as: Residential Schedule 1, (0.80%); Small General Schedule 7, (0.55%); Large General Schedule 9, (1.07%); Large Power Schedule 19, 0.65%; and Agricultural Irrigation Schedule 24, (1.09%). The Company says the rates for its Special Contract customers will cumulatively change as follows: Micron, 0.66%; Simplot and Department of Energy (INL), 0.68%; and Hoku Block 1, 0.67%. *See* Application, Atch.4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on Idaho Power's Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission **by May 3, 2012**. 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 matter shall be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at the addresses reflected below:

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

Street Address for Express Mail:
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Comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this Order. 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 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 Idaho Power may file reply comments (if necessary) **by May 15, 2012**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider the Application 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.

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* §§ 61-502, 61-503, 61-524, and 61-525. 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 case be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons may file written comments by May 3, 2012.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Idaho Power may file reply comments (if necessary) by May 15, 2012.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 10th day of April 2012.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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