

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)	CASE NO. IPC-E-12-14
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)	
AND ITS RATE BASE TO RECOVER ITS)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
INVESTMENT IN THE LANGLEY GULCH)	
POWER PLANT)	NOTICE OF
)	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 32488

On March 2, 2012, Idaho Power filed an Application requesting that it be allowed to increase its rate base and rates upon completion of the Langley Gulch power plant. The Company states in its Application that Langley Gulch is a 300 MW natural gas-fired combined-cycle combustion turbine under construction approximately five miles south of New Plymouth, Idaho. The Company proposes that the rate increases and the rate base additions become effective July 1, 2012. The Company also proposes that the Application be processed via Modified Procedure.

BACKGROUND

In Order No. 30892 issued in August 2009, the Commission granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to Idaho Power for the construction and operation of the Langley plant. *Idaho Code* § 61-526. The Order also provided the Company with “regulatory assurance” pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-541 that the Company would receive rate base treatment for its Langley investment “in the amount of \$396,618,473 at such time as the plant is placed in commercial operation.” Order No. 30892 at 46.

Contemporaneously with the filing of this Langley Gulch Application, Idaho Power also filed two other rate applications: (1) the annual fixed-cost adjustment (FCA) (Case No. IPC-E-12-12); and (2) a request to share \$27 million with customers that it received in 2011 (Case No. IPC-E-12-13). The Company proposes that the rate adjustments for Case Nos. IPC-E-12-12 and IPC-E-12-13 become effective June 1, 2012, and the rates in this case become effective July 1, 2012. The Company asserts that the revenue sharing case represents an overall average decrease in rates of 3.21%; the FCA case results in an overall average rate increase of

.14%; and Langley Gulch will have an overall average increase in billed rates of 7.10%. Application at p. 3. Idaho Power asserts that the cumulative rate impacts of these three cases will result in an increase in billed rates of approximately 4.03%. News Release at 2, Customer Notice at 2.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that according to the prefiled testimony that accompanied the Application, Idaho Power anticipates booking \$398,133,778 of investment associated with Langley by June 30, 2012. However, the Company is only requesting recovery of \$390,942,172 at this time. Tatum at 6. Company witness Timothy Tatum explains that the Company already booked some of its Langley investment in the last rate case to acquire the plant site property, water rights, and property for the water line running from the Snake River to the plant.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company calculates that the addition to its rate base, as well as depreciation and tax expenses, results in an additional revenue requirement of \$59,869,823 for the Idaho jurisdiction. Application at 2. The Company proposes to recover this increased annual revenue requirement in rates by a uniform percentage increase of 7.18% to all customer classes (as measured from current rate base revenues), or a 7.1% increase in total current billed revenues. The Application also included rate schedules showing the proposed rate increases. Atch. 1, 2. In support of its Application, the Company submitted the prefiled testimony of Lisa Grow (Senior Vice President of Power Supply) and Timothy Tatum (Senior Manager of Cost of Service).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, exhibits and supporting testimony have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **persons desiring to intervene** in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing **must file a Petition to Intervene** with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073. Persons intending to participate at the hearing must

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file a Petition to Intervene **within 10 days of the service date of this Order**. Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the deadline for intervention has passed, the Commission Secretary will prepare and distribute a Notice of Parties. The Commission anticipates that the parties will subsequently convene an informal prehearing conference to discuss the processing and scheduling of this case. The Notice of Parties shall also assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as Idaho Power's representatives in this matter:

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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, 61-525, and 61-622. 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 according to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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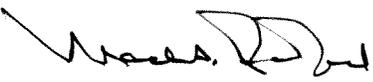
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter shall file a Petition to Intervene within 10 days from the service date of this Order. Once the deadline for intervention has passed, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties.

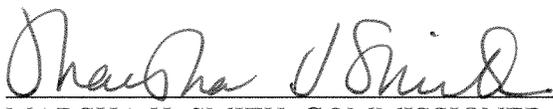
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 20th day of March 2012.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

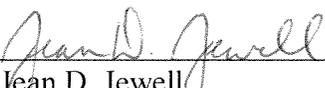


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