BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER TITLE TO MOBILE HOME PARK METER PEDESTALS

CASE NO. IPC-E-12-19 ORDER NO. 32624

On July 23, 2012, Idaho Power Company filed an Application requesting approval to transfer 18 meter pedestals located in the R&V Mobile Home Park in Emmett, Idaho, to the park owner. Prior to March 1981, the Company provided mobile home meter pedestals as included facilities for electric service to most mobile homes. Since that date, mobile home park customers have owned and maintained the pedestals, which is reflected in the Company's current Rule H(2)(g). The Application states that because these Company-owned pedestals pre-date 1981, repairs are problematic because replacement parts are no longer manufactured for these pedestals. R&V Mobile Home Park has agreed to take title to the meter pedestals, after Idaho Power ensures all have been upgraded to 200 amps, the agreement to transfer title is reflected in a written agreement attached to the Application.

Idaho Code § 61-328 requires an electric utility company to obtain approval from the Commission before it transfers ownership of any property used in the distribution or supply of electric power. The statute requires the Commission to find, when authorizing the transaction, that (a) the transaction is consistent with the public interest, (b) the cost of and rates for supplying service will not be increased by reason of the transaction, and (c) the applicant acquiring the property has the bona fide intent and financial ability to own and maintain the property. Idaho Power's Application states that the transaction is consistent with the public interest because it allows the Company to treat similarly situated customers in a like manner, inasmuch as mobile homes since 1981 have customer-owned meter pedestals. The transaction will not increase the Company's costs; in fact, it will ultimately reduce Idaho Power's costs to maintain the pedestals. No money will be exchanged in the transaction and the Company asserts the upfront costs of updating the pedestals will be more than offset by the elimination of long-term maintenance costs. Finally, the mobile home park has significant financial interest in maintaining and operating the property in a manner consistent with other customer-owned pedestals and meter bases.

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The Commission finds that the record demonstrates that the transfer of these meter pedestals satisfies the requirements of *Idaho Code* § 61-328. In addition, the written agreement between Idaho Power and R&V Mobile Home Park is settlement of essentially a private matter. Pursuant to Commission Rule of Procedure 274, the Commission may summarily accept settlement of an essentially private matter that has no significant implications for regulatory law or policy or for other utilities or customers. IDAPA 31.01.01.274. The transfer of the meter pedestals from Idaho Power to R&V Mobile Home Park meets the requirements of *Idaho Code* § 61-328, and has no significant implication for regulatory law or policy or for other utilities or customers.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Idaho Power's Application to transfer ownership of 18 meter pedestals located in the R&V Mobile Home Park in Emmett, Idaho to the park owner is approved.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 22nd day of August 2012.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

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