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## **Idaho Power Requests to Double Availability of Net Metering Service**

*The company also proposed additional changes to the nearly 30-year-old service, through which customers can offset energy use by producing their own power.*

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 30, 2012 -- Today Idaho Power filed a proposal with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) requesting authority to modify its net metering service provisions to facilitate continued service availability. Because the proposed changes are intended to expand the availability of net metering service, the rates of customers not receiving net metering service are not affected.

If approved, the proposal will double the availability of net metering service from the current 2.9 megawatt (MW) cap to 5.8 MW; modify the pricing structure for Residential Service and Small General Service net metering customers to better reflect the costs of providing the service to them; modify service provisions to improve clarity regarding interconnections to non-utility generation and net metering service; and discontinue the provision of financial payments to customers who generate more energy than they use. In place of financial payments, the company proposes to provide a kilowatt-hour credit in the amount of the excess energy generated during a billing period with energy credits expiring on an annual basis.

Idaho Power currently has approximately 350 net metering customers that may be affected by this proposal. Individual customer impacts will vary depending on how they use energy.

The company is requesting an effective date of Oct. 1, 2013, for the first three proposed changes, and for the fourth proposed change to start with each customer's January 2014 billing period.

### **Opportunities for Public Review**

Idaho Power's filing is a proposal that is subject to public review and approval by the IPUC. Copies of the application are available to the public at the IPUC offices (472 W. Washington St., Boise), Idaho Power offices or on Idaho Power's website, [www.idahopower.com](http://www.idahopower.com) or the IPUC website, [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). You can view additional, related materials, including frequently asked questions and a news release on the filing at [www.idahopower.com/rates](http://www.idahopower.com/rates) and click on Idaho Rate Filings.

### **About Idaho Power Company:**

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Idaho Power began operations in 1916. Today, the electric utility employs approximately 2,000 people who serve more than 500,000 customers throughout a 24,000-square-mile area in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. With 17 low-cost hydroelectric projects as the core of its generation portfolio, Idaho Power's residential, business and agricultural customers pay among the nation's lowest rates for electricity. IDACORP, Inc. (NYSE: IDA) is the investor-owned utility's parent company based in Boise, Idaho. To learn more, visit [www.idahopower.com](http://www.idahopower.com) or [www.idacorpinc.com](http://www.idacorpinc.com).

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[Insert Recipient Name]

[Insert Recipient Title]

[Insert Recipient Company]

[Insert Recipient Street Address]

[Insert City, State Zip]

Subject: Modification to Net Metering Service

Dear [Insert Recipient]:

I am writing to let you know that on November 30, Idaho Power filed a proposal with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) requesting authority to modify its net metering service provisions to facilitate continued growth in the program. The filing requests authority to:

- Double the availability of net metering service from the current 2.9 megawatt (MW) cap to 5.8 MW
- Modify the pricing structure for net metering services provided to Residential Service and Small General Service customers through the implementation of new, proposed Schedules 6 and 8 in order to appropriately reflect the costs of providing net metering service to those customers
- Modify service provisions contained in Schedules 72, Interconnections to Non-Utility Generation and Schedule 84, Customer Energy Production Net Metering to improve clarity, and
- Eliminate the practice of providing financial payments to customers who generate more energy than they use. Instead, the company proposes to provide those customers with a kilowatt-hour credit in the amount of the excess energy generated during a billing period; this credit can be carried forward and applied against use in future billing periods. However, any kilowatt-hour credits remaining after the December billing period will expire and cannot be used.

Because the proposed changes are intended to expand the availability of net metering service, the rates of standard service customers (those not receiving net metering service) are not affected. Idaho Power currently has approximately 350 net metering customers that may be impacted by this proposal. Individual customer impacts will vary depending on how they use energy.

Idaho Power is requesting the IPUC approve these changes with an effective date for the first three proposed changes of Oct. 1, 2013, and an effective date for the fourth proposed change starting with each customer's January 2014 billing period.

We value your business and want to be transparent and forthright about the proposed changes to net metering service. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact our Net Metering Program Specialists at 208-388-2559.

Sincerely,



Theresa Drake  
Customer Relations and Energy Efficiency Manager

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