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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR
AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS NET
METERING SERVICE AND TO
INCREASE THE GENERATION
CAPACITY LIMIT.

Case No. IPC-E-12-27

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**CITY OF BOISE'S PETITION TO
INTERVENE**

COMES NOW, the City of Boise City, Idaho (the "City") and hereby requests leave to intervene in the above-captioned matter pursuant to Idaho Public Utilities Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-073. The City has direct and substantial interest in this matter, as set forth further below, and therefore should be allowed to intervene.

1. The name and address of this Intervenor is:

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conservation of natural resources and reducing costs to all parties, please provide hard copies only of pleadings, briefs and testimony. Production requests, production responses, notices, Commission orders and other filings may be submitted by electronic mail in accordance with IDAPA 31.01.01.063.02-03.

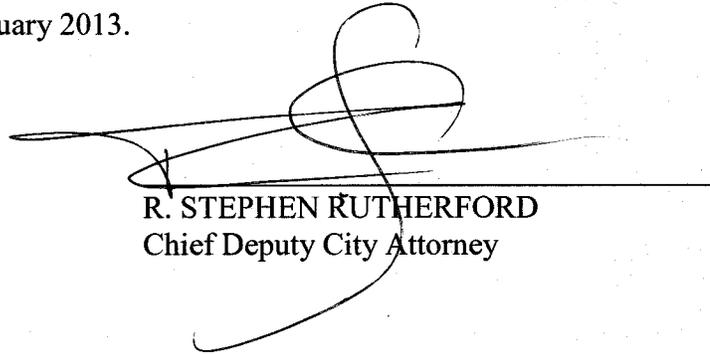
2. The City has a direct and substantial interest in this matter as it maintains solar panel installations, with its installation at the City's Foothills Learning Center being net metered and, therefore, likely affected by the proposed change in the tariff. The City is also concerned about the negative effects the proposed change will have in encouraging more citizens to install and use solar panels, thereby reducing pollution and reducing the City's progress in achieving its sustainability goals. The City's sustainability goals are a direct reflection of the comments received from the citizens of Boise in the course of the City's regular citizen survey. The City has an interest in the economic health of the area. Considering the abundant natural resources such as geothermal heat and solar access in Boise, the renewable energy industry has the possibility of being a strong component of a diverse local economy. However, the changes proposed in this matter could have a swift, deleterious effect on the solar installation industry, and render feckless home and business improvements made by City residents.

3. The City has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this matter and intends to fully participate in its proceedings. Being a participant in the net metering program, and being concerned about the effect this matter may have on the City's environment, and the investment residents of the City have made in their homes, the City will likely conduct discovery, and advocate for technical hearings to be held in the matter, and likely participate in any settlement negotiations that may occur. The City requests that the Commission issue a timely order granting or denying this Petition following the seven-day opposition period set forth in

IDAPA 31.01.01.075. The City also reserves its right to file for intervenor funding, depending on the amount of time and resources involved in this matter pursuant to IDAPA 31.01.01.161-165.

WHEREFORE, the City respectfully requests the Commission grant this petition.

DATED this 29 day of January 2013.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have on this 29 day of January 2013, served the foregoing

document on all parties of record in this proceeding, as follows:

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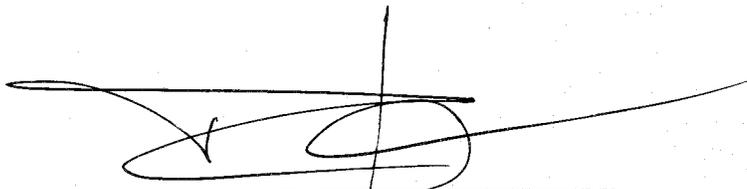
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