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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

Idaho Conservation League

Direct Testimony of R. Thomas Beach

May 10, 2013

1 Q: Please state your name, address, and business affiliation.

2 A: My name is R. Thomas Beach. I am principal consultant of the consulting firm
3 Crossborder Energy. My business address is 2560 Ninth Street, Suite 213A, Berkeley, California
4 94710.

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6 Q: Please describe your experience and qualifications.

7 A: I have over 30 years of experience in utility analysis including advising three California
8 Public Utilities Commissioners and serving as an expert witness in a wide range of utility
9 proceedings. Prior to this experience I earned degrees in English and Physics from Dartmouth
10 College and a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.
11 My curriculum vita is attached to this testimony as Exhibit 201.

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13 Q: On whose behalf are you testifying in this proceeding?

14 A: I am appearing on behalf of the Idaho Conservation League (ICL). ICL intervened in this
15 case because they are concerned that Idaho Power's proposed Schedules 6 and 8 are an
16 unjustified change to the net metering program, Schedule 84.

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18 Q: Have you previously testified or appeared as a witness before the Idaho Public Utility
19 Commission?

20 A: No, I have not. However, I have testified on numerous occasions before state regulatory
21 commissions in California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, and Virginia. Exhibit 201
22 includes a current list of the testimony that I have sponsored in state regulatory proceedings
23 concerning electric and gas utilities. With respect to the net metering issues under consideration
24 in this case, I have testified on issues concerning net energy metering (NEM) and solar economics