## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER	)	CASE NO. IPC-E-12-27
COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR	)	
AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS NET	)	NOTICE OF
METERING SERVICE AND TO INCREASE	)	PRHEARING CONFERENCE
THE GENERATION CAPACITY LIMIT	)	
	)	ORDER NO. 32756
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On November 30, 2012, Idaho Power Company applied to the Commission for authority to modify its net metering service. The Company says its proposal will impact 350 net metering customers to varying degrees, depending on how they use and generate energy. The Company requests that the Commission issue an Order by July 1, 2013. On January 15, 3013, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention. *See* Order No. 32715. The Idaho Conservation League; PowerWorks, LLC; Pioneer Power, LLC; City of Boise; Snake River Alliance; and Idaho Clean Energy Association, Inc. intervened in the case. Numerous public comments also have been received.

## NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Commission Staff proposed that the Commission hold a formal prehearing conference to discuss scheduling and how the case should be processed. We have been advised that all parties are available for a March 21, 2013 prehearing at the Commission. Based on our review of the record and the parties' agreement, we find it reasonable to schedule a prehearing conference as follows.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will hold a formal prehearing conference commencing at 9:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013 IN THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO. The purpose of the prehearing conference will be to discuss scheduling, discovery, how the case should be processed, and other issues raised by the parties. The Commission has indicated it will schedule a customer hearing in this case. Parties who want the Commission to hold a technical hearing should be prepared to discuss why a technical hearing is necessary. I

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commission Rule 241.04 discusses two types of formal public hearings: a "customer hearing" and a "technical hearing." A "customer hearing" is a public hearing for customers, public officials, and other persons not related to the parties (i.e., to the Company and intervenors) to provide testimony. The Commission has indicated it will schedule a customer hearing in this case. A "technical hearing," on the other hand, is a public hearing where the parties present witnesses and their prepared testimony and exhibits. In many cases, the Commission finds that the public interest may not require a technical hearing to consider the issues presented and that the proceeding may be processed under "modified procedure," i.e., by written submissions rather than by hearing. *See* Rule 201, IDAPA 31.01.201.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and other documents filed in this case may be viewed on the Commission's website, <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a> by clicking on "File Room" and "Electric Cases." They also can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 W. Washington Street, Boise, Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the prehearing conference, and all workshops and hearings 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:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PO BOX 83720 BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074 (208) 334-0338 (Telephone) (208) 334-3762 (FAX)

E-Mail: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

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, 61-622, and 61-623. 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 pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a formal prehearing conference shall occur before the Commission on March 21, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m., as set forth above.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $5^{th}$  day of March 2013.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jean D. Jewell Commission Secretary

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