

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR ) CASE NO. IPC-E-12-29  
AUTHORITY TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND )  
ITS A/C COOL CREDIT AND IRRIGATION )  
PEAK REWARDS DEMAND RESPONSE ) ORDER NO. 32849  
PROGRAMS )  
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## PETITION FOR CLARIFICATION

In its Petition for Clarification, the Company raises two issues. First, the Company asserts that it did evaluate the role of the two demand response programs in responding to system emergencies. “Idaho Power believes that demand response programs play a limited role in responding to system emergencies.” Petition at ¶ 7. The Company notes that demand response programs are designed to minimize or delay the need for new supply-side resources by reducing peak loads for short periods of time. As indicated in its 2013 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), the Company states that it has “adequate capacity on its system to meet peak-hour needs even under extreme weather and water conditions. . . .” *Id.* Moreover, the Company insists that it has a load curtailment system in place for system emergencies. Idaho Power also states that its FlexPeak demand response program was not suspended for 2013 and is available for reducing loads.<sup>2</sup>

Second, the Company asserts that it is not “a prudent use of customer money” to utilize the programs as “insurance” for system emergencies. *Id.* at ¶ 8. The Company maintains that it evaluated the use of the two demand response programs for system emergencies “and concluded that the costs to use the programs for emergencies would essentially be the same as keeping the programs fully operational.” *Id.* It also states that utilizing the programs to respond to emergencies may cause confusion for customers who have been informed that there will no cycling events for 2013. *Id.* at ¶ 9. Idaho Power insists that utilizing the programs for emergencies would require a modification of the Settlement Stipulation, and “[s]ufficient time does not exist to revisit this issue [for this summer] .” *Id.* at ¶ 10. Finally, the Company indicates that the temporary suspension of the demand response program (resulting in a customer savings of \$10.1 million) “has greater value to customers than the limited system emergency benefit offered by the A/C Cool Credit and Irrigation Peak Rewards demand response programs.” *Id.* at ¶ 12.

## DISCUSSION

Having reviewed our prior Order and the Company’s Petition for Clarification, we find that clarification is unnecessary. As set out above, our prior Order directed Idaho Power “to consider whether [the A/C Cool and Peak Rewards] programs might be utilized to respond to system emergencies in 2013 and in the future.” Order No. 32776 at 8 (emphasis added). In

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<sup>2</sup> In Order No. 32805 the Commission approved an amendment to the existing contract between Idaho Power and EnerNOC to reduce the weekly demand reduction capacity from 35 MW per week for participating industrial customers to a range of 20 MW to 35 MW per week.

other words, our Order simply directed the Company to examine whether these two programs might be utilized to respond to system emergencies. As set out in its Petition, the Company has evaluated utilizing these programs and concluded that it has adequate capacity to meet system emergencies and it is "in the customers' best interest to fully suspend [these programs] for 2013. . . ." Petition at 6. Having completed its analysis, we find the Company has satisfied the Commission's directive.

### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Idaho Power Company's Petition for Clarification of Order No. 32776 is denied.

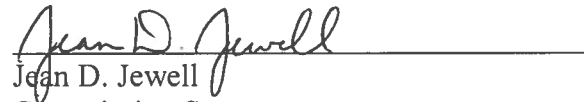
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2013.

  
PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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