BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

| IN THE MATTER OF THE CONTINUATION |) | |
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| OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S A/C COOL |) | CASE NO. IPC-E-13-14 |
| CREDIT, IRRIGATION PEAK REWARDS, |) | |
| AND FLEXPEAK DEMAND RESPONSE |) | NOTICE OF INFORMAL |
| PROGRAMS FOR 2014 AND BEYOND |) | PREHEARING CONFERENCE |
| |) | |
| |) | ORDER NO. 32823 |

On April 2, 2013, the Commission issued Order No. 32776 authorizing Idaho Power Company to "temporarily suspend" its A/C Cool Credit and Irrigation Peak Rewards Programs for 2013. The A/C Cool program allows the utility to periodically "cycle" the central air conditioning unit of participating residential customers during the summer months of June, July and August. The Irrigation Peak Rewards program allows the utility to turn off the irrigation pumps of participating irrigation customers for a limited number of hours during the three summer months.

On May 9, 2013, the Commission issued Order No. 32805 implementing changes to the FlexPeak demand response program. The FlexPeak Management program is a voluntary demand response program for industrial and large commercial customers that are able to reduce their electric service loads for short periods during the summer. Order No. 32805 at 1. Idaho Power contracts with EnerNOC, Inc. to manage the FlexPeak program until February 2014. These three voluntary demand response programs were designed to reduce loads during summer time peak-hour demand.

BACKGROUND

In Order No. 32776, the Commission approved a proposed settlement agreement entered into by the parties including the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, Inc. (the "Irrigators"); Idaho Conservation League (ICL); Snake River Alliance (SRA); and the Commission Staff. The parties agreed to suspend the A/C Cool and Peak Rewards programs for 2013 based upon Idaho Power's 2013 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). More specifically, the 2013 IRP showed that the peak-hour projected loads for the summer months of 2013, 2014, and 2015 does not show a "peak-hour deficit until July 2016 and therefore [there is] no need [to

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER NO. 32823 employ] peak-hour demand response programs" like the A/C Cool and Peak Rewards programs. The Company relied on the same rationale for amending the Peak Rewards contract.

The settlement approved in Order No. 32776 also provided that residential customers participating in the A/C Cool Credit program be provided a "continuity" payment of \$1.00 per month for the three summer months of 2013. The settlement also provided for continuity payments for those irrigation customers voluntarily participating in the four Peak Reward options. In addition to continuity payments, the parties requested that the Commission schedule an informal prehearing conference to set public workshops and develop a procedural schedule so that the parties and other interested persons may evaluate changes to the demand response programs for calendar year 2014 and beyond. The Order approving the temporary suspension directed Staff to convene an informal prehearing conference for the parties to develop a schedule for the public workshops. Order No. 32776 at 8.

In the FlexPeak Order, the Commission approved changes to the program which will reduce the cost of the program by about \$500,000 for 2013. Order no. 32805 at 3. As with the A/C Cool and Peak Rewards programs, the Commission directed that the public workshops also address "how to continue the FlexPeak program in the future." *Id.* at 4. In accordance with our prior Orders mentioned above, this Notice schedules the informal prehearing conference to further evaluate the three demand response programs. The Commission also directed that those entities already granted intervention shall be deemed parties in the new case. Order No. 32776 at 8. Staff counsel has advised the Commission that the parties in the prior cases have consented to the prehearing conference.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff shall convene an informal prehearing conference on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013, AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 472 W. WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO (208) 334-0338. The purpose of the informal prehearing conference is to allow the parties and other interested persons to schedule public workshops regarding the continuation and or modification of the A/C Cool Credit, Irrigation Peak Rewards, and FlexPeak demand response programs for 2014 and beyond. Parties and other interested persons desiring to participate by telephone may do so by dialing toll-free 1-888-706-6468 and entering participant code: 2253752.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences 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:

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission Staff shall convene an informal prehearing conference to discuss scheduling for public workshops as set out above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, Idaho Conservation League, and Snake River Alliance shall be designated as intervening parties in this case. Other persons desiring to intervene as parties may do so in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.072-.075.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this day of June 2013.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

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