BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE CONTINUATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S A/C COOL CREDIT, IRRIGATION PEAK REWARDS, AND FLEXPEAK DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAMS FOR 2014 AND BEYOND

CASE NO. IPC-E-13-14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

On June 4, 2013, the Commission issued Order No. 32823 initiating a new proceeding to examine the continuation of three voluntary demand response ("DR") programs offered by Idaho Power Company: A/C Cool Credit; Irrigation Peak Rewards; and FlexPeak Management programs. In Order No. 32776, the Commission "temporarily suspended" the A/C Cool Credit and Irrigation Peak Rewards programs for 2013. In Order No. 32805, the Commission approved changes to the FlexPeak program. The suspension of the first two DR programs and modifications to the FlexPeak contract were implemented based upon Idaho Power's assertion that the Company would not experience a peak-hour generation deficit for the years 2013 through July 2016.

In Order Nos. 32776 and 32805, the Commission directed Staff to conduct an informal prehearing conference for the parties and other interested persons to develop a schedule for public workshops to examine the three DR programs going forward. The informal prehearing conference was held on June 12, 2013.

BACKGROUND

The A/C Cool program allows Idaho Power to periodically "cycle" the central air conditioning units 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. Finally, FlexPeak Management program is a voluntary DR program for industrial and large commercial customers that are able to reduce their electric service loads for short periods during the summer.

In Order No. 32776, the Commission approved the parties' settlement agreement to suspend the A/C Cool and Peak Rewards programs for 2013 based upon Idaho Power's 2013 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The 2013 IRP showed that the utility would not experience

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peak-hour deficit in meeting its projected load until July 2016. In other words, the Company maintained that there was no need to employ its peak-hour DR programs because Idaho Power projected it would have sufficient generating resources to meet its projected loads until July 2016. The same rationale applied to the Company's FlexPeak contract with EnerNOC, Inc., the company that manages the FlexPeak program. Consequently, the Commission suspended the A/C Cool and Peak Rewards programs for 2013 and approved contract changes to the FlexPeak program.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Parties participating in the informal prehearing conference included: the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association (the Irrigators); Idaho Conservation League (ICL); Snake River Alliance (SRA); Industrial Customers of Idaho Power (ICIP); EnerNOC; and Commission Staff. At the prehearing conference, the participants developed a schedule for four public workshops:

Workshop Date	Subject Matter
July 10, 2013	Company to discuss how it includes DR in its IRP, how it calculates cost-effectiveness, the purpose of DR, and current DR programs and their operational parameters.
July 23, 2013	DR operations and valuation, other presentations
August 7, 2013	DR program design
August 19, 2013	DR program design

The content/agenda for the second, third and fourth workshops is to be flexible and will be more specifically dictated by needs that are identified by participants during the preceding workshop. The parties may also schedule a settlement conference.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the **four public workshops** will occur as described above. At the workshops, parties, customers and other interested persons will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the proceeding and how they may further participate in it. Representatives of the Company, Commission Staff, and other parties will attend. The date, time, and location of each workshop is set out below:

Workshop No. 1 – Wednesday, July 10, 2013; Workshop No. 2 – Tuesday, July 23, 2013; Workshop No. 3 – Wednesday, August 7, 2013 Workshop No. 4 – Monday, August 19, 2013.

Each workshop will begin at <u>9:00 A.M. IN THE PUBLIC MEETING ROOM AT IDAHO</u> <u>POWER COMPANY'S CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, 1221 WEST IDAHO</u> <u>STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83702</u>.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons may also participate in the workshops by telephone by dialing the following toll-free number: **1-877-820-7831 followed by the Participant Code: 2456163#**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that 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: <u>secretary@puc.idaho.gov</u>

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* §§ 61-503 and 61-336. 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*.

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DATED at Boise, Idaho this

 $\mathcal{A}^{/ \text{st}}$ day of June 2013.

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Jean D. Jewell () Commission Secretary

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