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## **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR ) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A NEW BASE ) LEVEL OF NET POWER SUPPLY EXPENSE. )

CASE NO. IPC-E-13-20

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION STAFF

The Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission comments as follows on Idaho Power Company's application to set a new base level of net power supply expense ("NPSE").

## BACKGROUND

On November 1, 2013, Idaho Power Company (the "Company") applied to the Commission for an Order authorizing the Company to increase its total system "base level" NPSE from \$199,993,778 to \$305,684,869.<sup>1</sup> *See* Attachment A. The Company would use the increased NPSE to: (1) update base rates on June 1, 2014; and (2) as the basis for quantifying 2014/2015 Power Cost Adjustment ("PCA") rates that also would take effect June 1, 2014. The Company says the proposed NPSE increase would be revenue neutral for all customer classes, and would not increase customers' bills. *See* Application at 1-2, 3, and 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On November 4, 2013, the Company filed an Errata to Application that changed the proposed NPSE from \$304,684,869 to \$305,684,869. This Order refers collectively to the application and errata as the "Application."