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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER)
COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO UPDATE ITS) **CASE NO. IPC-E-13-22**
WIND INTEGRATION RATES AND CHARGES.)
) **COMMENTS OF THE**
) **COMMISSION STAFF**
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COMES NOW the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of record, Kristine A. Sasser, Deputy Attorney General, and in response to the Notice of Modified Procedure issued in Order No. 33054 on June 11, 2014, in Case No. IPC-E-13-22, submits the following comments.

BACKGROUND

On November 29, 2013, Idaho Power Company filed an Application with the Commission seeking to update its wind integration rates and charges. The Company's Application includes a 2013 Wind Integration Study Report as well as the supporting testimony of Philip DeVol and Michael J. Youngblood.

The Application

Idaho Power reports rapid growth in wind generation over the past several years. Idaho Power maintains that it currently manages a total of 678 megawatts (MW) of wind generation