BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY TO IMPLEMENT A SCHEDULE 19 SUBSTATION ALLOWANCE AND TRANSMISSION VESTED INTEREST (TARIFF ADVICE NO. 13-08)

CASE NO. IPC-E-14-01 NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 32962

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 23, 2013, Idaho Power Company filed Tariff Advice No. 13-08, annual compliance filing to update the substation allowance and vested interest provisions under Schedule 19, Large Power Service. The Company stated it is its first annual compliance filing to implement a substation allowance and vested interest provision for Schedule 19 customers as required by Commission Order Nos. 32893 and 32914. The filing consists of three new tariff sheets comprised of three sections: (1) defined terms used in the substation allowance and transmission vested interest sections, (2) the substation allowance section outlining when a customer would qualify to receive an allowance, the maximum possible allowance, and how a customer will receive a refund, and (3) the transmission vested interest section explaining when a customer would qualify to receive a vested interest and how vested interest charges would be calculated. The Company's filing includes a cost estimation methodology to reflect an updated station overhead rate to determine the allowance amount. The Company states its calculation of overhead is similar to the method used to calculate the Company's general distribution overhead rate that is updated annually in the Company's Rule H New Service Attachments and Distribution Line Installations compliance filing. Idaho Power proposed a February 1, 2014 effective date.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's filing is in response to the Commission's Orders in Case No. IPC-E-13-09. The Commission in that case approved a request by Glanbia Foods, Inc. for an allowance against construction costs for upgrades to Idaho Power's facilities. The Commission concluded Glanbia is entitled to an allowance of \$65,734

per MW multiplied by the 19 MW Glanbia planned to obtain through the new facilities it is constructing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power filed the new allowance provisions as a tariff advice to implement the substation allowance and vested interest terms approved by the Commission in Case No. IPC-E-13-09. The proposed schedule provides for a possible allowance of \$64,580 per MW multiplied by the customer's projected increase in load. The allowance will be refunded to the customer over a five-year period.

YOU FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission determined the Company's filing is larger than "minor changes to existing schedules" to qualify as a tariff advice under Commission Rule of Procedure 134. See IDAPA 31.01.01.134. In addition, large power service customers that did not participate in the Glanbia case may be interested in commenting on Idaho Power's tariff provisions. Accordingly, the Commission determined to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, providing for a 21-day comment period, to process the Company's filing as an Application. Because it may not be possible to complete the process by February 1, the Commission will suspend the proposed effective date of February 1 for 30 days or until the Commission issues an Order.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or in opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application may be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at the addresses reflected below: Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission PO Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0074 Lisa D. Nordstrom Idaho Power Company PO Box 70 Boise, ID 83707-0070 Email: <u>Inordstrom@idahopower.com</u>

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street Boise, ID 83702-5918

These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click the "Case Comment or Question Form" under the "Consumers" tab, and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Applicant at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application is also available on the Commission's web site at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to "Open Electric Cases," and then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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* § 61-501, 61-502, and 61-503. 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*.

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Idaho Power has submitted a proposed schedule of rates and charges for service to become effective on and after February 1, 2014. The Application is of sufficient importance and complexity to require the Commission's investigation of the reasonableness of the proposed schedule.

The Commission will be unable to consider the Application in Case No. IPC-E-14-01 before February 1, 2014, because of the complexity of the evidence presented by the Application and because of the previously scheduled hearings and other demands on the Commission's time.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons and the parties may file written comments within 21 days of the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proposed schedule of rates and charges for service in Case No. IPC-E-14-01 should be, and hereby is, suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from February 1, 2014, or until such time as the Commission may issue an Order accepting or rejecting or modifying the Application in this matter.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 7^{th} day of January 2014.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

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