

## Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Case No. IPC-E-14-02, Order No. 33007

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# Idaho Power seeks further amendments to commercial, industrial load reduction programs

**BOISE (April 11, 2014)** – Industrial and large commercial customers of Idaho Power Company would see changes to its voluntary load reduction programs if an application before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission is approved.

Since 2009, Idaho Power has contracted with EnerNOC, Inc., to manage a load reduction program, called Flex Peak, under which large commercial and industrial customers volunteer to reduce their consumption on summer peak days. Under the agreement, EnerNOC enlists volunteer customers and installs and maintains the equipment necessary to reduce demand, track customer participation and report results. In return, Idaho Power pays the customers an incentive via EnerNOC based on the amount of load reduction each customer provides. Curtailments (power interruptions) may last up to four hours, but not more than 60 hours per customer.

In March 2013, Idaho Power petitioned the commission to temporarily suspend similar demand reduction programs for residential and irrigation customers and modify its EnerNOC agreement for large commercial and industrial customers. Idaho Power claimed it had enough generation on its system to delay peak-hour capacity deficits until 2016, thus the demand reduction programs, at current levels, were not needed. While the programs were not suspended, they were ramped down, including Idaho Power's agreement with EnerNOC. The agreement was amended to reduce the total megawatts EnerNOC was required to offer Idaho Power each week in the event of curtailment, the number of hours available for interruption and the amount Idaho Power paid EnerNOC. Those changes resulted in savings of about \$500,000 in costs for Flex Peak, Idaho Power said.

After settlement discussions, Idaho Power agreed to resume the demand reduction programs this summer, but the utility is proposing more modifications. They include extending the contract termination date through the end of this year, reducing payments to EnerNOC and limiting the availability of the program after the first three curtailment events.

The commission is taking comments on Idaho Power's application. Comments are accepted via e-mail through April 23, by accessing the commission's homepage at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) and clicking on "Case Comment Form," under the "Electric" heading. Fill in the case number (IPC-E-14-02) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

A full text of the commission's order, along with other documents related to this case, is available on the commission's Web site. Click on "Open Cases" under the "Electric" heading and scroll down to the above case number.

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