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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

Re: Case No. IPC-E-14-08
J. R. Simplot Accounting Order – Idaho Power Company's Application

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and seven (7) copies of Idaho Power Company's Application in the above matter.

Also enclosed in separate envelopes are an original and seven (7) copies each of **confidential** Attachments 1 and 2 to the Application. A proposed Protective Agreement is provided for execution by the appropriate Idaho Public Utilities Commission Staff attorney. Please handle the confidential information in accordance with the Protective Agreement Idaho Power Company requests be executed in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Donovan E. Walker

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Enclosures

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Attorneys for Idaho Power Company

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AN) CASE NO. IPC-E-14-08
ACCOUNTING ORDER.)
) APPLICATION
)
_____)

Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company"), in accordance with the provisions of *Idaho Code* § 61-524, RP 052, and RP 201, *et seq.*, hereby applies for an accounting order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for authority to flow back \$1,884,406.85 to customers through the Power Cost Adjustment ("PCA") mechanism. These funds were overpaid to the J. R. Simplot Company ("Simplot"), a Qualifying Facility ("QF") under a Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA") contract, and were previously collected from customers through the PCA. This Application is based on the following:

I. BACKGROUND

1. Under PURPA, Idaho Power is obligated to enter into Firm Energy Sales Agreements (“FESA” or “Agreement”) with QFs, which Agreements must be approved by the Commission. Upon termination of its FESA with Simplot, Idaho Power discovered an overpayment had occurred.

2. Idaho Power notified Simplot of the overpayment and began discussions to determine the appropriate return to customers of overpayments made to Simplot. Idaho Power has quantified the overpayment to Simplot at \$1,884,406.85

3. In order to reach a fair and reasonable resolution of the issues, Idaho Power and Simplot entered into a Settlement Agreement to provide for collection of the overpayment amount. The Settlement Agreement, which calls for Simplot to repay \$1,564,503.76 of the \$1,884,406.85, is being provided as Attachment 1 to this Application under separate cover in accordance with the Commission’s rules on the handling of confidential information. Idaho Power will repay to customers the remaining \$319,903.09.

4. Additional details regarding the overpayment and Settlement Agreement are set forth in Attachment 2 to this Application. The confidential Attachment 2 is provided under separate cover in accordance with the Commission’s rules on the handling of confidential information.

5. Based upon the information contained in confidential Attachments 1 and 2 to this Application, Idaho Power respectfully requests that the Commission issue an accounting order authorizing the Company to flow back the overpayment, with

\$1,564,503.76 recovered from Simplot and \$319,903.09 reimbursed by Idaho Power, as explained in Attachment 2, to customers through the PCA mechanism.

II. PROPOSED ACCOUNTING ENTRIES

6. Idaho Power proposes to record the overpayment by debiting either Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Account 143 (Other Accounts Receivable) for funds to be received or if the funds are already on deposit with the Company by debiting FERC Account 235 (Customer Deposits) and crediting FERC Account 555 (Purchased Power). The Company would then record the same amount debiting FERC Account 557 (Other Expenses) and crediting FERC Account 182.3 (Regulatory Asset/PCA). The effect of these entries will be a direct benefit to the Company's customers in the form of a reduction in net power supply expense.

III. MODIFIED PROCEDURE

7. The Company requests that this Application be processed under RP 201, *et seq.*, allowing for consideration of issues to be processed under Modified Procedure; i.e., by written submissions rather than by an evidentiary hearing.

IV. SERVICE OF PLEADINGS

8. Service of pleadings, exhibits, orders, and other documents relating to this proceeding should be served on the following:

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V. CONCLUSION

9. Idaho Power believes that this is a fair and reasonable resolution of the issues herein, that it fully compensates customers for the overpayment, that this resolution is in the public interest, and respectfully asks the Commission to approve the accounting requested in this application to flow back overpaid funds to customers as described in greater detail above.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of May 2014.



DONOVAN E. WALKER
Attorney for Idaho Power Company

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 9th day of May 2014 I served a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing APPLICATION upon the following named parties by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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Christa Beary, Legal Assistant

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ATTACHMENT 1

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