

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR ) CASE NO. IPC-E-14-32  
APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF AN )  
ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT WITH )  
MURPHY FLAT POWER, LLC FOR THE )  
SALE AND PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC )  
ENERGY. )**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR ) CASE NO. IPC-E-14-33  
APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF AN )  
ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT WITH )  
SIMCO SOLAR, LLC FOR THE SALE AND )  
PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY. )**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR ) CASE NO. IPC-E-14-34  
APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF AN )  
ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT WITH )  
AMERICAN FALLS SOLAR, LLC FOR )  
THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF )  
ELECTRIC ENERGY. )**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR ) CASE NO. IPC-E-14-35  
APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF AN )  
ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT WITH )  
AMERICAN FALLS SOLAR II, LLC FOR )  
THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF )  
ELECTRIC ENERGY. )**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR ) CASE NO. IPC-E-14-36  
APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF AN )  
ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT WITH )  
ORCHARD RANCH SOLAR, LLC FOR )  
THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF ) ORDER NO. 33189  
ELECTRIC ENERGY. )**

On November 6, 2014, the Commission issued a scheduling Order in each of these five Modified Procedure cases. Order Nos. 33168, 33169, 33170, 33171, and 33172. The

Scheduling Order set a deadline for written comments in each case of December 5, 2014, and a deadline for reply comments of December 12, 2014.

On December 3, 2014, the Commission Staff filed a Motion to Extend the Deadline for filing initial comments and reply comments in these cases. Staff's Motion requested an extension of the deadlines for both initial comments and reply comments of one week. Given the impending deadline for initial comments, Staff requested procedural relief on less than 14 days' notice pursuant to Rule 256.03, IDAPA 31.01.01.256.03. For reasons set out below, we grant Staff's Motion.

### **STAFF MOTION**

In its Motion, Staff indicated it has been diligently reviewing the five Applications and the IRP-based rates for each contract. Motion at 2. Staff's review of the 20-year rates contained in each Application "involves complicated and detailed calculations based upon different inputs for each Project. Review of the variables and verification of the inputs used [in each case] is an arduous task." Motion at 2. Staff further stated that its review of the material has triggered additional questions and the need for additional review. Consequently, Staff requested an extension for filing comments so that it could complete its review.

Staff proposed that initial comments originally due December 5 be filed no later than December 12, 2014. Staff also proposed that reply comments originally due December 12, be extended until December 19, 2014. After the Motion was filed, Staff counsel advised the Commission that counsel for both Idaho Power Company and the qualifying facilities have consented to the extension.

Based upon our review of Staff's Motion and given the consent of the parties, we find that there is good cause to grant the Motion for procedural relief pursuant to Rule 256.03.

### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Staff's Motion to extend the deadlines for filing comments in these five cases is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for any person or party to file written comments is extended from December 5, 2014 to December 12, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for submitting written reply comments is extended from the close of business on December 12, 2014, to 1 p.m. (MST) on December 19, 2014.

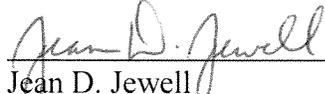
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 5<sup>th</sup>  
day of December 2014.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

  
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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

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Commission Secretary

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