## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )	
OF PACIFICORP DBA ROCKY MOUNTAIN )	CASE NOS. IPC-E-14-41
POWER AND IDAHO POWER COMPANY )	PAC-E-14-11
FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE )	
<b>EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN TRANSMISSION</b> )	NOTICE OF
ASSETS )	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	<b>ORDER NO. 33231</b>

On December 19, 2014, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power and Pacific Power (collectively "PacifiCorp"), and Idaho Power Company, filed a joint Application asking the Commission to approve the exchange of certain transmission assets. On October 24, 2014, the parties entered into a Joint Purchase and Sale Agreement (JPSA) and Joint Ownership and Operating Agreement (JOOA) to largely replace or amend three "Legacy" Transmission Agreements, entered over the past 40 years. The new agreements would exchange the parties' assets and reallocate ownership interests and operational responsibilities to address inefficiencies caused by changes in "the regulatory landscape, the parties' respective load growth, and investments in system upgrades." Application at 2-3. The parties ask the Commission for an Order approving the new agreements, and finding that the asset transfer is consistent with the public interest. *Id.* at 11.

On January 13, 2015, the Commission entered a Notice of Application, Notice of Intervention Deadline, and Order granting the Petition to Intervene filed on January 6, 2015, by the Industrial Customers of Idaho Power. The Department of Energy and Federal Executive Agencies filed a Petition to Intervene on January 27, 2015, but has since filed a Notice to Withdraw its Petition to Intervene. Rule 68, IDAPA 31.01.068. The remaining parties have informally conferred and agreed to a schedule for processing this case. In light of the parties' agreement, the Commission now issues the following Notice.

## NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY 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 through .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 opposition with the Commission by no later than Wednesday, April 22, 2015. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power and PacifiCorp at the addresses reflected below:

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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 <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. 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 Idaho Power and PacifiCorp at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power and PacifiCorp may file reply comments, which shall be filed no later than **Monday**, **May 11**, **2015**.

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, testimonies and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies are also available on the Commission's web site at <a href="https://www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to the type of "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* §§ 61-503 and 61-328. 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*.

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of PacifiCorp and Idaho Power for an Order authorizing the exchange of certain transmission assets be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than April 22, 2015. Reply comments shall be submitted no later than May 11, 2015.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jean D. Jewell (*J* Commission Secretary

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