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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER)
COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR) CASE NO. IPC-E-15-05
AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT FIXED COST)
ADJUSTMENT RATES FOR SERVICE FROM) COMMENTS OF THE
JUNE 1, 2015 THROUGH MAY 31, 2016.) COMMISSION STAFF
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The Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission comments as follows on Idaho Power Company's Application.

BACKGROUND

On March 13, 2015, the Company applied to the Commission for authority to implement Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA) rates for electric service from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016.¹ The Company calculates the FCA at the end of each calendar year after it knows its annual customer count and their energy use. The Company then recovers the calculated FCA balance through rates using the same period as the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA), which is June 1 through May 31.

¹ In July 2014, the Commission opened a separate case for its Staff, the Company, and other interested persons to evaluate the FCA mechanism and whether it effectively removes the Company's financial disincentive to aggressively pursue energy efficiency programs. See Case No. IPC-E-14-17, Order No. 33068. The Commission has not issued a final Order in that case. When it does, that Order will apply to future FCA cases.