#### BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER	)	CASE NO. IPC-E-16-07
COMPANY'S REQUEST TO TRANSFER	)	
TITLE OF MOBILE MANOR MOBILE	)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
HOME PARK METER PEDESTALS	)	
	)	NOTICE OF
	)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 33522</b>

On April 12, 2016, Idaho Power Company asked the Commission to approve its transfer of 18 meter pedestals in the Mobile Manor mobile home park to Mobile Manor, pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-328 and Rule 52. On April 14, 2016, the Industrial Customers of Idaho Power (ICIP) filed a Petition to Intervene in the case under Rule 71, which Idaho Power timely opposed per Rule 75. The Commission considered the Petition and granted ICIP intervention. Order No. 33512. The parties conferred about how to process the matter and agreed to deadlines under Modified Procedure for party comments and Company reply.

#### BACKGROUND

Before March 31, 1981, Idaho Power installed, owned, and maintained mobile home pedestals<sup>1</sup> as part of facilities for electric service to most mobile homes. Application at 1. After March 31, 1981, new mobile homes have been served by pedestals owned and maintained by customers per Idaho Power's Rule H, Section (2)(g). *Id.* at 2. Any pedestals still owned by Idaho Power predate 1981 and their replacement parts are no longer manufactured, but must be made by Idaho Power. *Id.* To avoid the expense of maintaining and repairing these pedestals, "and to promote consistency of ownership among customers, Idaho Power seeks to transfer title of Company-owned pedestals to the customer whenever possible." *Id.* 

Idaho Power entered into a Transfer of Title Agreement,<sup>2</sup> to transfer, convey and assign 18 meter pedestals occupying mobile home spaces in Mobile Manor mobile home park in Bannock County, Idaho. Agreement at 1-2. The Agreement provides that Idaho Power will update the pedestals if and when the Commission approves the Agreement, but that the Company

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pedestals are comparable to meter bases attached to buildings, but are customer-owned. Application at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Idaho Power has submitted a copy of the Agreement as an attachment to its Application.

"does not warrant the upgrades or the Pedestals to any degree." *Id.* at 3. Rather, Mobile Manor agrees to accept the pedestals "AS IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS." *Id.* (capitalization original). Idaho Power does not "warrant the upgrades or the pedestals to any degree." Application at 2. "No money was or will be exchanged as a result of the transaction." Application at 3.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Idaho Power's Application seeks approval of its proposed Transfer of Title Agreement with Mobile Manor. The Commission has authority to approve or reject the proposed Agreement under *Idaho Code* § 61-328. That provision's requirements include that the Company show the proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest, and that the cost and rates for supplying service will not be increased because of the transaction. *Idaho Code* § 61-328(3). Application at 2-3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power asserts that it satisfies all the statutory requirements. *Id.* The Company contends the transaction is "consistent with the public interest because it allows Idaho Power to treat similarly-situated customers in a like manner" by ensuring Mobile Manor's mobile home owners own their pedestals just as other mobile home owners who established service after 1981. *Id.* at 3. Also, "The up-front costs of updating the pedestals will be more than offset by the elimination of long-term maintenance and repair costs of continued utility ownership." *Id.* "Over time, because the transaction reduces Idaho Power's costs of maintenance, the Company's expenses will decrease in the long term." *Id.* 

## NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the parties conferred about how to process the case and agreed it would be appropriate to use Modified Procedure, with a June 6, 2016 deadline for comments, and a June 17, 2016 deadline for Idaho Power's Reply.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the parties' positions in this matter can be adequately presented 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 **June 6, 2016**. 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, the Applicant, and Intervenor at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074

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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 ICIP at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, by no later than **June 17, 2016.** Any other party wishing to respond to Staff comments shall file a request with the Commission for leave to respond, indicating the basis for such request.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 33522 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will set a public technical hearing for this matter, as required under *Idaho Code* § 61-328(2). The date and time of the hearing will be set by separate Notice.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and a copy of the Transfer of Title Agreement have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The documents 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 "Open Electric Cases," then click on the case number shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has authority over this matter pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* § 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 Idaho Power's Application shall 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 June 6, 2016.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that reply comments by Idaho Power, if any, shall be due June 17, 2016.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission will issue a separate Notice setting the date and time for a public technical hearing in this matter, per *Idaho Code* § 61-328(2).

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $12^{+h}$  day of May 2016.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

Jean D. Jewell (/ Commission Secretary

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