

## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER	)	
COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO MODIFY	)	CASE NO. IPC-E-16-13
OPTIONAL SCHEDULE 62, GREEN	)	
ENERGY PURCHASE PROGRAM RIDER	)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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	)	ORDER NO. 33553

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On June 22, 2016, Idaho Power Company filed an Application with the Commission to modify its Schedule 62, the Green Energy Purchase Program. The proposed modifications do not change customer rates associated with the ongoing funding of the Program, but change the Program's pricing structure, renewable energy credits (RECs) sourcing and certification, and the treatment of certain program expenses. Idaho Power asked that the case be processed by Modified Procedure, and that the proposed modifications become effective 60 days after Commission approval, to allow adequate time to reprogram and test its billing system in accordance with the Commission's Order. The Commission now issues this Notice.

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission approved Idaho Power's Schedule 62 Green Power Program in February 2001, as "an optional program to allow customers and non-customer participants to participate in the purchase of new environmentally friendly green energy." Order No. 28655; Application at 2 (footnotes omitted). Participants' contributions to the Program go towards the purchase of Green-e certified renewable energy credits (RECs). Application at 2. "A REC is created when a megawatt-hour (MWh) of renewable energy is produced and delivered to the grid." *Id.* It is "a tradable, non-tangible commodity that represents the environmental attributes associated with one MWh of electricity generated from a renewable energy resource and can be sold separately from the electricity commodity." *Id.* According to the Application, "Green-e Energy is the nation's leading independent certification and verification program for renewable energy." *Id.*

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power's Application seeks approval of proposed modifications to the Program. Idaho Power states that the proposed changes are in response to customer input, received during meetings with the Company from February 2014 to early 2016. *Id.* at 3. The Company states that the changes are intended to "satisfy changes in customer preference . . . [and] align the Green Power Program with the best practices of other green programs in the industry." *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed modifications include: (1) existing Dollar Contribution Method would be replaced with both a block option and a 100 percent of usage option; (2) the Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF), which facilitates the purchase of green energy for the Program, would give preference to RECs from sources located closest to or within Idaho Power's service territory, when possible; (3) Idaho Power would seek Green-e certification of the RECs purchased through BEF; (4) up to 15 percent of the total Program funds would be used for Program marketing expenses, to allow the Company to reach more customers. *Id.* at 2-5.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, proposed modified Schedule 62, and testimony of Peter Pengilly have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and attachments are also available on the Commission's web site at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to "Open Electric Cases," then click on either case number as shown on the front of this document.

#### **NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**

YOU ARE FURTHER 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 31.01.01.201-204. 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 in opposition with the Commission **no later than August 3, 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 may be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power 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 [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the "Case Comment or Question Form" under the "Consumers" tab, and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Company at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power may file reply comments, if necessary, **no later than August 10, 2016**.

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.

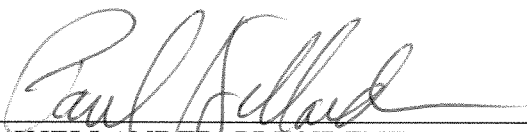
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code, and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-503, 61-622.

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 this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons may file written comments by no later than August 3, 2016. Idaho Power may file a reply, if necessary, no later than August 10, 2016.

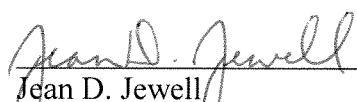
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

  
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ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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