

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY TO ) CASE NO. IPC-E-16-26  
APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO )  
THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT )  
WITH USG OREGON, LLC ) ORDER NO. 33642  
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On November 1, 2016, Idaho Power Company filed an Application to approve the Second Amendment (“Amendment”) to its Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”) with USG Oregon, LLC. The PPA is for the purchase and sale of energy produced by the Neal Hot Springs geothermal project near Vale, Oregon. Application at 2. The PPA was first approved May 20, 2010, Order No. 31087, and is not pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). Idaho Power asked that the Commission approve its Application upon Staff’s review and without further process. *Id.* at 3.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

The Amendment includes a revised facility description, as updated by USG Oregon to include the addition of a water cooling system to the project. *Id.* at 2-3. In addition, the Amendment makes minor typographical corrections in Appendix B-1. *Id.* at 3. The Company states that “[n]one of the changes/corrections contained in the Amendment change the terms and conditions or obligations of the parties under the PPA.” *Id.* Idaho Power and USG Oregon signed the Amendment to the PPA on September 29, 2016. *Id.*, Attachment 1. Idaho Power asked that the Amendment be approved without further process. *Id.* at 3.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Given the limited scope of the Amendment, and finding no material change to the PPA, Staff recommended that the Application be approved without further process.

**DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

We find that the proposed Amendment is appropriate, given the addition of the water cooling system to the project, since we first approved the PPA. Further, we find it appropriate to approve the Application without further process, and thus approve the Amendment as proposed.

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Idaho Power Company's Application to approve the Second Amendment to its Power Purchase Agreement with USG Oregon, LLC is approved without change or condition.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 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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