## **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF AN ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT WITH MC6 HYDRO LLC, FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY FROM THE MC6 HYDRO PROJECT CASE NO. IPC-E-18-09 NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 34068

On May 2, 2018, Idaho Power Company applied to the Commission for an Order approving or rejecting its Energy Sales Agreement (ESA) with MC6 Hydro LLC (MC6). The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting comment and reply deadlines.

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that under the proposed ESA, MC6 would sell and Idaho Power would purchase electric energy generated by the MC6 Hydro project near Kuna, Idaho (the Facility). Application at 1. The MC6 project is a new 2.1 megawatt (MW) "qualifying facility" (QF) under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). *Id.* at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed ESA is fully executed by both parties, and contains the Commission's standard terms and conditions relating to surplus energy ("90%/110%") and operations and maintenance fees. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that because the Facility is a new QF, the capacity payments will begin in year 2026. *Id.* at 2. The proposed ESA is a new contract with a 20-year term using the rates calculated by Commission Staff for a QF in the non levelized, non-seasonal hydro category pursuant to the surrogate avoided resource methodology, as directed by the Commission in Order No. 33898. *Id.* at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power requests that the Commission issue an Order accepting or rejecting the proposed ESA and, if accepted, declaring that all payments for purchases of energy under the proposed ESA be allowed as prudently incurred expenses for ratemaking purposes. Application at 5-6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documentation have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, then select "Electric Cases" and 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* §§ 61-502 and 61-503. The Commission has authority under PURPA and the implementing regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to set avoided costs, to order electric utilities to enter into fixed-term obligations for the purchase of energy from qualified facilities and to implement FERC rules. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61 and PURPA.

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*.

## 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 that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the 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 21 days from the service date of this Order**. 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 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 <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company shall file reply comments, if necessary, by no later than 14 days from the comment deadline.

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.

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Idaho Power Company be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so no later than **21 days from the service date of this Order**. The Company may file a reply no later than **14 days from the comment deadline**. DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $29 \frac{\mu}{2}$  day of May 2018.

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