

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION |) | CASE NO. IPC-E-18-14 |
| OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR |) | |
| APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF AN |) | NOTICE OF APPLICATION |
| ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT WITH |) | |
| SCOTT AND RICK KASTER FOR THE |) | NOTICE OF |
| PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY FROM |) | MODIFIED PROCEDURE |
| THE BOX CANYON HYDRO PROJECT |) | |
| |) | ORDER NO. 34186 |

On October 15, 2018, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) filed an Application seeking approval or rejection of an Energy Sales Agreement (“ESA”) signed by the Company and Scott and Rick Kaster for the Box Canyon Hydro Project (“Box Canyon” or “Project”). The Project is a qualifying facility (“QF”) under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”). Box Canyon is a 300 kilowatt (“kW”) nameplate capacity hydroelectric facility near Buhl, Idaho. Application at 4. The Project currently delivers energy to the Company under an ESA dated October 7, 1983. *Id.* The ESA expires on February 11, 2019. *Id.* The Company requests the Application be processed before the ESA expires. *Id.* The Company requests the Application be processed by Modified Procedure. *Id.* at 5.

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, the Company would purchase electric energy generated by the Box Canyon Hydro Project at published non-levelized non-seasonal hydroelectric avoided cost rates as set by Order No. 34062 for a 20-year term. *Id.* at 3-4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the facility has been selling electricity to the Company in accordance with a Schedule 86 Uniform Agreement dated October 7, 1983. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed ESA contains capacity payments for the entire term of the Agreement because it is a replacement ESA. *Id.* at 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests the Application to be processed by Modified Procedure. *Id.* at 5.

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

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. 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.

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 November 21, 2018.** 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 the Company at the addresses reflected below:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
Commission**

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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. Click the "Consumers" tab then click the "Case Comment or Question Form" 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 November 28, 2018.**

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 the Company be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by November 21, 2018. The Company may file reply comments by no later than November 28, 2018.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this *31st*
day of October, 2018.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT




KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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Commission Secretary

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