## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER FOR	)	CASE NO. IPC-E-19-07
APPROVAL OF AN ENERGY SALES	)	
AGREEMENT WITH RAVENSCROFT	)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
HYDRO FOR ENERGY FROM THE MALAD	)	
RIVER HYDRO PROJECT	)	NOTICE OF
	)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 34282</b>

On February 27, 2019, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") filed an Application seeking approval of an Energy Sales Agreement ("ESA" or "Agreement") with Ravenscroft Hydro for energy generated by the Malad River Hydro Project ("Facility"). The Facility is a qualifying facility ("QF") under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. *Id.* 

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, Ravenscroft Hydro would sell and the Company would purchase energy generated by the Malad River Hydro Project. The Facility is a 1.17 MW nameplate capacity hydro facility near Tuttle, Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Facility has been delivering energy to Idaho Power under a power sales agreement dated September 2, 1982, which expires April 30, 2019. The Facility has a scheduled First Energy Date under the ESA of May 1, 2019.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Agreement is for a 20-year term with published non-levelized, non-seasonal hydro avoided cost rates. The ESA contains capacity payments for the entire term of the Agreement.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Agreement contains the 5-Day Ahead provision for 90/110 generation estimates as approved by the Commission in Order No. 34263.

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 34282 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. 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, specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502 and 61-503, and PURPA. 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 QFs and to implement FERC rules.

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 31.01.201 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 no later than twenty-one days following service date of this Notice. 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:

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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 "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 seven days after the comment period.

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 no later than twenty-one days following service date of this Notice. The Company may file reply comments within seven days of the comment period.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this day of March, 2019.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Diane M. Hanian **Commission Secretary** 

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