

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AN)	CASE NO. IPC-E-95-9
ORDER APPROVING THE METHODOLOGY)	
FOR AVOIDED COST RATE)	
NEGOTIATIONS WITH QUALIFYING)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FACILITIES LARGER THAN 1 MEGAWATT)	
)	ORDER NO. 26115
)	

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 17, 1995, the Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power; Company) filed an Application for an Order approving a methodology for conducting avoided cost rate negotiations with qualifying facilities (QFs) 1 MW or larger in Case No. IPC-E-95-9.

Idaho Power's Application was anticipated by the Commission in Order No. 25884 (issued in Idaho Power's most recent avoided cost proceeding, Case No. IPC-E-93-28) in which the Commission stated:

We expect the Company to include with its 1995 IRP filing, a more detailed proposal of how the least cost planning based avoided cost methodology will operate. We will treat that filing as a generic discussion of the issue and expect all interested parties, including the other utilities, to intervene and participate so that all issues may be resolved and the methodology can be refined.

Id. at p. 7.

As indicated, it was the Commission's intent from the outset to treat Idaho Power's filing as a generic proceeding in which an avoided cost methodology will be established for all three of Idaho's major electric utilities.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the details of Idaho Power's proposed methodology are set forth in Attachment 1 to the Company's Application. This document describes Idaho Power's proposed procedures for determining project specific avoided cost rates for QFs 1 MW or larger as required by the Commission in Order No. 25884. According to Idaho Power's Application, Attachment 1 is designed to be distributed to potential developers of QF resources 1 MW or larger who will utilize the attachment to initiate the process of negotiating project specific avoided cost rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to the Commission's Order set forth below, the Washington Water Power Company and PacifiCorp are hereby made parties to this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to Rules 72 and 73 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01000 *et seq.* Such petitions must be filed with the Commission no later than Wednesday, August 23, 1995. Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or to other parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 61 of the *Idaho Code* pursuant to Sections 201 and 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) and the related implementing regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission intends to issue a Notice scheduling a prehearing conference in this case in the near future.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Washington Water Power Company and PacifiCorp are made parties to this proceeding.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this
day of August 1995.

RALPH NELSON, PRESIDENT

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters
Commission Secretary

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