

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT)
APPLICATION OF MIDAMERICAN) CASE NO. PAC-E-05-8
ENERGY HOLDINGS COMPANY (MEHC))
AND PACIFICORP DBA UTAH POWER &) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LIGHT COMPANY FOR AN ORDER)
AUTHORIZING MEHC TO ACQUIRE) NOTICE OF
PACIFICORP) TECHNICAL HEARING
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) ORDER NO. 29867**

On July 15, 2005, PacifiCorp dba Utah Power & Light Company (“PacifiCorp”) and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (“MidAmerican”) filed a Joint Application requesting that the Commission authorize MidAmerican to acquire all of the outstanding common stock of PacifiCorp. If approved, PacifiCorp would become an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of MidAmerican. PacifiCorp provides retail electric service to nearly 60,000 customers in southeastern Idaho. On August 17, 2005, the Applicants revised portions of their Joint Application following enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

THE PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On August 18, 2005, the Commission issued its Notice of Application and set a deadline for intervention. The Commission’s Notice and Order provided that once the deadline for intervention has passed, “the parties will informally convene to devise a recommended schedule to process this case.” Order No. 29846 at 9. On September 7, 2005, the parties convened a telephonic prehearing conference. The following parties were represented: PacifiCorp, MidAmerican, Idaho Power Company, Monsanto Company, the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association (the Irrigators), and the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers, Local 57 (IBEW), and the Commission Staff. The Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI) was not involved in the conference call but does not oppose the schedule.

A. The Schedule

The parties participating in the conference call agreed on a proposed schedule and urged the Commission to adopt it. The parties recognize that the Commission will conduct

public hearings in this matter and suggested two sets of dates for the Commission's consideration.

Based upon the agreement of the parties participating in the conference call, the Commission adopts the proposed schedule with modifications as set out in greater detail below.

DATE	ACTION
October 4, 2005	Technical workshop/conference for the parties (9:00 A.M., J.R. Williams Building, 700 W. State Street, Basement Conference Room, Boise)
November 2-3, 2005	Settlement conference in Boise (9:00 A.M., PUC Hearing Room)
December 6, 2005	Staff and intervenor prefile testimony deadline
January 6, 2006	Applicants rebuttal prefile testimony deadline
January 17-18, 2006	Technical hearing in Boise
January 19, 2006	Public hearings in Shelley and Grace

The Commission anticipates issuing an Order in a timely fashion after the hearings have been completed.

During the prehearing conference call, the parties agreed to answer discovery interrogatories no later than ten business days. The parties also agreed to serve documents among themselves by electronic mail with a single hard copy to be provided the next business day to counsel for each party. The e-mail addresses are contained in the separate Notice of Parties.

B. Petitions for Intervention

On August 30 and 31, 2005, respectively, the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI) and the IBEW petitioned to intervene in this case. Based upon our review of the Petitions and the lack of any objection at the prehearing conference, the Commission finds it is appropriate to grant these two Petitions to Intervene. The Commission Secretary will issue the Notice of Parties in a separate document.

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a technical hearing in this matter will convene at **9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006 IN THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO (334-0300)** and continue on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006**. Parties intending to present testimony and exhibits shall do so at the technical hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the prepared testimony and exhibits shall conform to the requirements of Rules 231, 266, and 267 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.231, 266, 267. The parties' assigned exhibit numbers are set out in the separate Notice of Parties.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene a public hearing in this matter to convene at **2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006 AT THE SHELLEY SENIOR CENTER, 193 W. PINE, SHELLEY, IDAHO**. The second public hearing will convene at **7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006 IN THE GEM VALLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 704 S. MAIN STREET, GRACE, IDAHO**. The purpose of these public hearings is to take testimony from members of the public.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
PO BOX 83720
BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074
(208) 334-0338 (Telephone)
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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 61 and specifically *Idaho Code* § 61-328.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petitions to Intervene filed by the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho and the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers, Local 57 are granted.

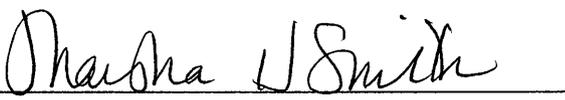
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall comply with the case schedule set out in this Order. Parties shall also comply with the ten-day discovery deadline.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that service among the parties be accomplished by electronic mail pursuant to Rule 63, IDAPA 31.01.01.063. In addition to service by electronic mail, the parties shall serve a hard copy of all filed documents to arrive no later than the next business day on counsel for each party.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that when parties submit prefiled testimony to the Commission Secretary, they include an original and eight (8) paper copies of the testimony pursuant to Rule 61.03, IDAPA 31.01.01.061.03.

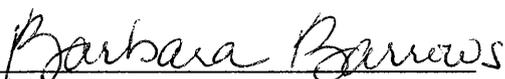
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16th
day of September 2005.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


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