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Via Hand Delivery

Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Docket No. 31-0101-0301
Proposed Rulemaking: IPUC Rules of Procedure - Rule 125
IDAPA 31.01.01

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Idaho Power Company is in receipt of the notice of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's proposed rulemaking in the above-referenced matter. With regard to the Commission's proposed new Rule 125 concerning Commission-sponsored public workshops when a utility files an application to increase any rate, Idaho Power supports the opportunity for the public to comment on any proposed rate increase and for the IPUC Staff to obtain that input prior to filing its comments or testimony in the case. The Company understands that the purpose of the workshops is to dispense information and receive written or oral comments from the public.

To the extent that the workshop is not an evidentiary process and is only intended to convey and receive information, Idaho Power supports the proposed workshop format. However, should comments received from the public at the workshops become either evidence or part of the record in a rate increase case, the Company objects to the use of the public workshops since the Company would not be afforded due process in the proceeding. However, if the workshops are not intended as a duplication of the Commission's public hearing process in any rate increase case and are only intended to dispense and receive information, Idaho Power does not object to Rule 125 as proposed.

The Company requests that all notices of proposed public workshops on any Idaho Power Company application to increase any rate be sent to the Company to permit the Company to attend the workshop and, if necessary, to participate in it.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

Yours very truly,

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

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