## **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING TO EXAMINE DRAFT CHANGES TO THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PROCEDURE, IDAPA 31.01.000

IDAPA DOCKET NO. 31-0101-1001 IPUC CASE NO. RUL-U-10-01 NOTICE OF NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Commission initiates this negotiated rulemaking process to examine various amendments to its Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01. The reasons for the proposed changes include: (1) conform the Commission's testimony and transcript rules (231 and 286) to changes in the Idaho Supreme Court's Appellate Rules; (2) change Rule 43 (Representation of Parties) to conform to Supreme Court opinions regarding the representation of partnerships, corporations and other entities; (3) make it easier to determine when telephone companies are no longer conducting business in Idaho (Rule 20); and (4) make changes to improve clarity (Rules 5, 16, 125, and 301) and correct citations (Rules 0, 19, and 121).

## NOTICE OF NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff will convene an informal public workshop for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the draft rules. During the workshop, participants will be permitted to ask questions and give oral presentations. The public workshop is scheduled for <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>APRIL 21</u>, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. (MDT) IN THE <u>COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM</u>, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, <u>IDAHO (208) 334-0300</u>. Interested persons <u>may participate by telephone by calling toll-free</u> (877) 841-9268. The participant code is: 472404.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons interested in participating in the informal workshop are encouraged to obtain a copy of the draft changes to the Rules of Procedure before the workshop. The draft changes are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices and available on the Commission's web site at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u> by clicking on "File Room" and then "Multi-Utility Cases" under Case No. RUL-U-10-01. Copies of the draft changes to the Rules of Procedure are also available from

Office of the Secretary Service Date March 11 2010 Donald L. Howell, II, Deputy Attorney General, at (208) 334-0312, or e-mail at don.howell@puc.idaho.gov.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in addition to participating at the public workshop, any person desiring to state a position on the draft rules may file written comments with the Commission no later than April 28, 2010. Written comments concerning the negotiated rulemaking shall be mailed to the Commission at the address reflected below:

> Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street Boise, ID 83702-5918

These comments should contain the Case No. RUL-U-10-01. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon and complete the <u>comment</u> form using the Case No. RUL-U-10-01.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Titles 61 and 62 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-601, 62-612, and 62-619.

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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all workshops 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 workshop 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) (208) 334-3762 (FAX) E-Mail: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

DATED at Boise, Idaho this

day of March 2010.

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Commission Secretary

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