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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF BOISE VALLEY RAILROAD, LLC'S OBJECTION TO ITS 2014 ASSESSMENT FEE.	**CASE NO. BVR-R-14-01** **COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION STAFF**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission), by and through its attorney of record, Neil Price, Deputy Attorney General, and in response to the Notice of Objection to Assessment and Notice of Modified Procedure issued in Order No. 33045 on May 29, 2014 in Case No. BVR-R-14-01, submits the following comments.

BACKGROUND

On May 15, 2014, Boise Valley Railroad, LLC ("Boise Valley" or "Company") sent a letter to the Commission registering its objection, pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-1007, to the Company's 2014 Railroad Assessment Fee. Boise Valley included several invoices as attachments, documenting the Commission's fee assessment as well as the Company's Gross Operating Revenues for the calendar year 2013.

The Commission's operating budget is derived from the assessment of regulatory fees upon utilities and railroads subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. *Idaho Code* § 61-1003