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Sales agreement with Preston area hydro project approved

BOISE (Nov. 2, 2015) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is approving a 20-year sales agreement between PacifiCorp, which operates as Rocky Mountain Power in eastern Idaho, and a Preston area hydroelectric facility.

The 481-kilowatt hydro project, owned by Consolidated Irrigation Company, is a qualifying facility under the provisions of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. PURPA requires utilities to buy output from qualifying renewable projects at an “avoided-cost rate,” or the rate the utility avoids by not having to generate the power itself or buy it from another source.

The commission’s published avoided-cost rate for non-intermittent projects smaller than 1 megawatt with contracts signed in 2015 is \$59.88 per megawatt-hour. The contract is for a non-levelized rate, which means the price paid the project increases gradually through the 20-year life of the contract to \$103.05 per MWh in 2034.

The commission’s order and other documents related to this case is available on the commission’s website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on “Open Cases” under the “Electric” heading and scroll down to Case No. IPC-E-15-11.

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