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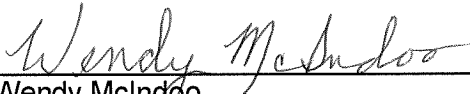
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

UM 1433

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER
COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR A PARTIAL
WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING
GUIDELINES – 2012 WIND RESOURCE

MOTION TO CLOSE DOCKET

Pursuant to OAR 860-013-0031, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") hereby moves the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") for an order closing the above referenced docket because the Request for Proposal ("RFP") that was the subject of the docket is closed.

I. BACKGROUND

On June 2, 2009, Idaho Power filed a Petition for a Partial Waiver of Competitive Bidding Guidelines ("Petition"). The Petition sought an exemption for Idaho Power from compliance with several of the guidelines governing competitive bidding adopted by the Commission in Order No. 06-446 ("Competitive Bidding Guidelines"). Specifically, Idaho Power sought exemptions related to an RFP process to obtain up to 150 MW of wind generation capacity as early as 2009 but no later than 2012. The Company indicated its in Petition that strict adherence to the Competitive Bidding Guidelines would jeopardize Idaho Power's ability to move quickly to capture a potential benefit based on the limited availability of the 2009 economic stimulus incentives and that the alternative RFP process proposed by the Company would yield fair and reasonable results for customers.

On July 27, 2009, the Commission granted Idaho Power's Petition in Order No. 09-290. In so doing, the Commission granted a partial waiver of the Competitive Bidding Guidelines and directed Commission Staff to engage with Idaho Power and its independent evaluator to evaluate the RFP process as it moved forward.

1 **II. DISCUSSION**

2 In August, 2010, the Company closed its RFP process without awarding a contract.
3 After evaluating many responses to the RFP, Idaho Power began negotiating a contract
4 with the clear front runner. It became clear, however, that the Company and the
5 developer would be unable to agree upon terms. Moreover, due to changes in the wind
6 energy market generally, Idaho Power has found that it now has sufficient wind energy
7 available to the Company through power purchase agreements under the Public Utility
8 Regulatory Policies Act ("PURPA) at more favorable terms and conditions than would be
9 available pursuant to an RFP. For this reason the Company has decided to terminate the
10 RFP process. The attached press release issued by Idaho Power details the closure of
11 the RFP.¹

12 Because Idaho Power's RFP process has concluded, there is no longer any reason
13 for the Commission to hold this docket open.

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III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Idaho Power requests that the Commission close this docket.

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Up Close

August 18, 2010

Wind Energy Request For Proposals Closes

BOISE, ID -- In May 2009, IDACORP, Inc.'s (NYSE:IDA) principal subsidiary, Idaho Power, issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking to purchase approximately 150 megawatts (MW) of wind-powered generation by 2012. The RFP generated considerable interest from wind developers, and Idaho Power has been diligently negotiating a contract with the clear front runner. However, it was jointly determined that the two parties were ultimately not going to be able to reach a final agreement. On Friday, Aug. 13, Idaho Power closed its RFP without awarding a contract.

"In the end the RFP no longer provided a competitive resource," said Idaho Power Senior Vice President of Power Supply Lisa Grow. "Since issuing our RFP more than a year ago, the wind energy market has changed dramatically and prices for Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) acquired under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) process have decreased. In light of these changes, we expect to be able to acquire energy resources without concluding the RFP at this time.

"We believe it is the right decision for our customers, our company and our shareholders to not award a wind power contract at this time through the RFP process," Grow continued. "Although the RFP process concluded without a PPA being signed, Idaho Power maintains its strong commitment to renewable resources and will continue its efforts to add these resources to its portfolio.

"While working to maximize the value of our existing hydroelectric generation resources, we continue to remain focused on developing a balanced resource portfolio that includes adding new, non-hydroelectric renewable resources like wind, geothermal and solar," Grow said. "At Idaho Power, we're continually planning for the future and must take steps to position our company to meet upcoming obligations and anticipated regulation while considering impacts to our customers and owners."

Idaho Power currently has contracted for more than 600 MW from PURPA projects that contribute to the company's resource portfolio. These PURPA renewable generation projects include hydroelectric, wind, solar and biomass. The company recently filed for approval by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) its first PURPA agreement with a solar power project. Idaho Power has a number of net metering agreements with customers who own small residential solar projects, but this project is the first sales agreement with a larger provider. Additionally, in July the IPUC approved Idaho Power requests to enter into power sales agreements with the developer of three Magic Valley anaerobic digester power projects. The IPUC regulates the terms, conditions and rates for Idaho Power's PURPA contracts.

Idaho Power identified a need for additional wind resources in its 2006 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The company develops its IRP every two years using a collaborative public process connecting Idaho Power resource and planning experts with government, public, customer and environmental stakeholders. The need for additional wind resources was reaffirmed in the June 2008 IRP update and again in the 2009 IRP.

Today, wind-powered generation on the Idaho Power system, including generation under contract through PURPA contracts, exceeds the wind-powered generation identified in the company's 2006 and 2009 resource plans.

IDACORP, Inc. (NYSE: IDA), Boise, Idaho-based and formed in 1998, is a holding company comprised of Idaho Power Company, a regulated electric utility; IDACORP Financial, a holder of affordable housing projects and other real estate investments; and Ida-West Energy, an operator of small hydroelectric generation projects that satisfy the



requirements of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. IDACORP's origins lie with Idaho Power and operations beginning in 1916. Today, Idaho Power employs approximately 2,000 people to serve a 24,000 square-mile service area in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. With 17 low-cost hydroelectric projects as the core of its generation portfolio, Idaho Power's 490,000 residential, business and agricultural customers pay some of the nation's lowest prices for electricity. To learn more about Idaho Power or IDACORP, visit www.idahopower.com or www.idacorpinc.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements contained in this news release, including statements with respect to ongoing operations, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws and are intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Although IDACORP and Idaho Power believe that the expectations and assumptions reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, these statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially from the results discussed in the statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in this news release include: the effect of regulatory decisions by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Oregon Public Utility Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; changes in and compliance with state and federal laws, policies, and regulations, including new interpretations by regulatory and oversight bodies, which include the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Oregon Public Utility Commission, and the Department of Energy of existing policies and regulations; changes in and costs of compliance with laws, regulations, and policies relating to the environment, natural resources, and endangered species and the adoption of laws and regulations addressing greenhouse gas emissions, global climate change, and energy policies intended to mitigate carbon dioxide, mercury, and other emissions; construction of power generation, transmission and distribution facilities, including an inability to obtain required governmental permits and approvals, rights-of-way and siting, and risks related to contracting, construction, and start-up; delays and cost increases in connection with the construction or modification of generating facilities and other capital projects; and the availability of water, natural gas, coal, and diesel, wind conditions, and their associated delivery infrastructures. Any such forward-looking statements should be considered in light of such factors and others noted in the companies' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2009, subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and other reports on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made. New factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such factors, nor can it assess the impact of any such factor on the business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

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