

ITEM NO. 1

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: August 25, 2009

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE August 31, 2009

DATE: August 5, 2009

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Judy Johnson *JJ*

THROUGH: *lis* Lee Sparling and *EB* Ed Busch

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER COMPANY: (Docket No. UE 213/Advice No. 09-09)
Requests a general rate revision.

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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Administrative Hearings Division

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Commission suspend Idaho Power Company's application for revised tariff schedules in Advice No. 09-09.

DISCUSSION:

On July 31, 2009, Idaho Power Company (IPCO or company) filed Advice No. 09-09, an application for revised tariff schedules. The filing has been docketed as UE 213. The tariffs would implement a general rate revision, increasing IPCO's revenues by \$7.3 million, or 22.6 percent overall. The percentage increases by rate class are 37.3 percent for residential customers, 41.2 percent for small general service customers, 11.02 percent for large general service customers and 44.7 percent for irrigation customers.

Staff recommends the Commission suspend the tariffs for investigation. Suspending the tariffs will allow the Commission to evaluate the reasonableness of the company's proposed rates. ORS 757.215(1) allows the Commission to suspend the proposed rates an additional three months if it finds the investigation will not be completed by the end of the initial six-month suspension period. Due to the size of the increase and the complexity of the case, Staff believes there is sufficient cause for the Commission to determine that the investigation cannot be completed within the initial suspension period, and the additional three-month suspension should be approved at this time.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Idaho Power Company's application for revised tariff schedules in Advice No. 09-09 (UE 213), with a proposed effective date of August 31, 2009, be suspended for nine months.

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