

ISSUED: August 25, 2009

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 213

In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

Request for a General Rate Revision.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM

**DISPOSITION: PETITIONS TO INTERVENE ADDRESSED;
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED;
PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES ISSUED**

On August 21, 2009, a prehearing conference was held in the above-captioned docket. The purpose of the conference was to identify the parties and interested persons and set a procedural schedule.

Identification of Conference Participants

Appearances were entered by Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power); the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB); EP Minerals, LLC (EP Minerals); Oregon Industrial Customers of Idaho Power (Oregon Industrial Customers); and Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff (Staff).

Petitions to Intervene

On August 13, 2009, CUB filed a Notice of Intervention pursuant to ORS 774.180 and became a party to the proceeding. On August 14, 2009, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed a Petition to Intervene. EP Minerals and Oregon Industrial Customers filed petitions to intervene on August 20, 2009.

The time for objecting to PGE's petition has passed, and no objections to the petition were received. I find that PGE has sufficient interest in the proceeding and that its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. PGE's petition is granted. The petitions of EP Minerals and Oregon Industrial Customers are conditionally granted. Any person wishing to contest these petitions may do so within 10 days of service. If there are no

timely objections, the decision to grant the petitions of EP Minerals and Oregon Industrial Customers will be final.

Procedural Schedule

During the prehearing conference, the parties agreed to the following procedural schedule, which was adopted:

EVENT	DATE ¹
Staff & Intervenors File Proposed Information Requests for Idaho Power's Supplemental Opening Testimony	September 15, 2009
Idaho Power's Response to Proposed Information Requests	September 17, 2009
ALJ Ruling Regarding Idaho Power's Supplemental Opening Testimony	September 18, 2009
Idaho Power Files Supplemental Opening Testimony (if necessary)	October 9, 2009
Deadline to File Petitions to Intervene	October 26, 2009
Settlement Conference ²	November 4-5, 2009
Deadline to File Proposed Budgets for Intervenor Funding	November 6, 2009
Staff & Intervenors File Opening Testimony	December 3, 2009
Settlement Conference	December 10, 2009
Idaho Power Files Reply Testimony	January 7, 2010
Staff & Intervenors File Rebuttal Testimony	January 28, 2010
Idaho Power Files Surrebuttal Testimony	February 11, 2010
All Parties File Cross-Examination Statements	February 17, 2010
Opening Oral Arguments Before the Commission ³	February 24, 2010
Hearing	February 25, 2010
Simultaneous Opening Briefs Due	March 18, 2010
Simultaneous Reply Briefs Due	April 1, 2010
Closing Oral Arguments Before the Commission	April 8, 2010
Target Date for Commission Decision	May 24, 2010
End of Second Tariff Suspension	May 25, 2010

From December 3, 2009, through January 7, 2010, parties will use best efforts to respond to data requests within seven business days of receipt. From January 7, 2010, through February 11, 2010, parties will use best efforts to respond to data requests within five business days of receipt. Any supplemental testimony that Idaho Power is required to file is not a substitute for responses to data requests, which must be answered in the ordinary time frame.

¹ Parties must serve non-confidential information via electronic mail by 5:00 p.m. on the date due. Service of confidential material is considered timely if sent by overnight mail on the date due.

² This date is included in the schedule for the parties' convenience. The parties do not need Commission approval to reschedule settlement conferences.

³ Witnesses are expected to attend the opening oral argument.

Procedural Motions

Any procedural motion filed in this docket must contain a statement explaining whether the other parties in the docket support or oppose the motion. If other parties cannot be reached, the motion must describe efforts to contact other parties. Any motion seeking expedited treatment must make clear that expedited treatment is requested and explain the necessity of expedited treatment. Even when expedited treatment is requested, other parties should be afforded adequate time to respond, preferably at least five days before any applicable deadline.

Discovery Disputes

The parties should make every effort to engage in cooperative informal discovery and to resolve disputes themselves. Parties should communicate problems with discovery requests and responses to the other side immediately by telephone. If parties are unable to resolve a dispute informally, any party may ask the ALJ to conduct a telephone conference to facilitate discovery. A requesting party must identify the specific discovery sought and describe the efforts of the parties to resolve the dispute informally.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2009, at Salem, Oregon.



Lisa D. Hardie
Administrative Law Judge

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