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COMPANY NAME: Idaho Power Company

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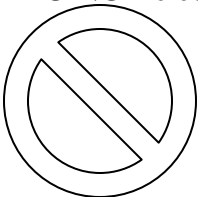
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October 14, 2014

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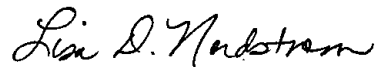
Re: Gateway West Transmission Updates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2014

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2014 Transmission Updates report regarding the Gateway West transmission project developed jointly between PacifiCorp and Idaho Power Company. This update provides a description of the developments that transpired in the third quarter of this year.

This filing should be forwarded to Dr. Aster Adams, Manager, and Jorge Ordonez, Senior Financial Analyst of the Energy Resources and Planning Department. If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Waites, Senior Regulatory Analyst at 208-388-5612.

Very truly yours,



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**Idaho Power Company's**  
**Gateway West Transmission Updates for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2014**  
**October 14, 2014**

In late 2013, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“OPUC”), requested<sup>1</sup> that Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power” or “Company”) provide quarterly updates regarding the Energy Gateway West transmission project developed jointly between PacifiCorp and Idaho Power (“Companies”). Staff requested that, for each sub-segment<sup>2</sup> of this project, the Company provide a description of the developments<sup>3</sup> that transpired in the previous quarter.

**July – September, 2014:**

The Companies met with the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) on July 8, 2014, with the BLM informing the Companies that a full Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (“SEIS”) will be required for sub-segments 8 and 9. The SEIS steps include:

- A Notice of Intent (“NOI”) published to the Federal Register to announce the SEIS
- Scoping period with open-house style public meetings
- A Notice of Availability (“NOA”) will be published to the Federal Register stating the Draft SEIS is available for public comment
- A NOA will be published to the Federal Register stating the Final SEIS is available for the protest period
- A Record of Decision (“ROD”) will be issued by the BLM

The Companies updated the Plan of Development and the SF 299 (application) to adopt the recommendations from the Boise District Resource Advisory Council for the sub-segment 8 and 9 routes as the project’s proposed action and submitted these documents to the BLM. A schedule was developed by the BLM with the following milestones:

- Publish the NOI to the Federal Register – September 19, 2014 (this has occurred)
- Scoping period to end on October 24, 2014
- Draft SEIS scheduled to be available for a 90-day public comment period beginning in July 2015
- Final SEIS scheduled to be available for 30-day protest period June 2016
- ROD scheduled to occur October 2016

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<sup>1</sup> OPUC Staff Data Request 1, Transmission Updates Docket, dated December 17, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Segment E comprised by the following sub-segments: Hemingway to Cedar Hill, Hemingway to Midpoint, Midpoint to Cedar Hill, Midpoint to Borah, Borah to Populus, Cedar Hill to Populus; and Segment D comprised by the following sub-segments: Populus to Bridger, Bridger to Aeolus, and Aeolus to Windstar.

<sup>3</sup> By developments, Staff means any federal, state, and local permitting, regulatory, and other events.

The open-house style public scoping meetings were held as follows:

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	BLM Boise District Office 3948 Development Ave. Boise, ID
Tuesday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 – 7:00 PM	Kuna Senior Center 229 N. Ave. B Kuna, ID
Wednesday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 – 7:00 PM	Gooding Fairgrounds 201 Lucy Lane Gooding, ID
Thursday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 – 7:00 PM	Owyhee County Historical Museum 17085 Basey St. Murphy, ID

Third quarter activities also included work to update the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the BLM, Idaho Power, and PacifiCorp, making it specific to sub-segments 8 and 9 and the SEIS. The BLM has provided a final draft of the MOU to the Companies for their review and approval. The MOU is expected to be signed by the Companies and returned to the BLM shortly.

Because of sub-segments 8 and 9’s importance to the Gateway West project and to Idaho Power’s interest in the project, no additional permitting (state or local), regulatory activities or other events are currently being pursued by Idaho Power until the BLM provides its ROD on these two sub-segments.