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COMPANY NAME: Idaho Power Company

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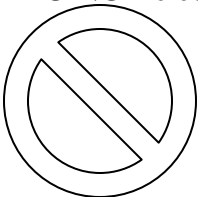
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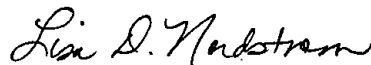
Re: Gateway West Transmission Updates: 4th Quarter 2014

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the 4th 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 fourth 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 4th Quarter 2014
January 15, 2015

In late 2013, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“OPUC”), requested¹ 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-segment² of this project, the Company provide a description of the developments³ that transpired in the previous quarter.

October – December, 2014:

The Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) held four open-house style public scoping meetings as part of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (“SEIS”) as follows:

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

The Companies attended the meetings, providing support to the BLM and interacting with members of the public, landowners, and local and state agency representatives. These meetings were very well attended with engaged and informed stakeholders. During the meetings, the Companies heard comments in support of the routes the Companies adopted from the BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Council. However, several stakeholders felt the Enhancement Package, which aligns with the enabling language and the Resource Management Plan of the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey (“SRBOP”) in allowing transmission facilities to be located within the SRBOP, was not adequate to allow for the project

¹ OPUC Staff Data Request No. 1, Transmission Updates Docket, dated December 17, 2013.

² 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.

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

to be sited across the SRBOP National Conservation Area and needs to be adjusted. The public comment period closed on October 24, 2014. On December 15, 2014, the BLM provided their Scoping Report, which can be viewed at this website:

http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/gateway-west.html

The schedule developed by the BLM has the following milestones:

- Publish the Notice of Intent to the Federal Register – September 19, 2014 (this has occurred)
- Scoping period to end on October 24, 2014 (this has occurred)
- 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
- Record of Decision (“ROD”) scheduled to occur October 2016

The Companies continue to support the BLM to meet their next milestone, which is publishing the Draft SEIS to the Federal Register in early July 2015.

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.