

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 1675**

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2014 Annual Smart Grid Report)
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COMMENTS OF THE
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CUB appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Idaho Power 2014 Annual Smart Grid Report. Once again, CUB is generally pleased with Idaho Power's (the Company's) work.

Like last year, the Company appears to have made serious efforts in its smart grid projects and the assessment of those projects, and CUB appreciates the extent of the updates the Company delivers. The report contains extensive appendices, updates on related projects, and details about smart grid application to Idaho Power's extended network. CUB appreciates the organizational structure of the report and the method in which Section III – the Future Smart Grid Investments portion – is organized.

The report details a number of interesting projects the Company is working on. CUB is interested in hearing more about Idaho Power's Renewable Integration Tool. The Company explains that it has developed a forecasting tool more accurate than the third-

party forecasts it had originally intended to use. CUB commends the Company in taking this initiative. CUB also commends the Company for other initiatives it has taken, including projects like the warning system during thunderstorms and other attempts to maintain grid reliability. CUB also takes note of Idaho Power's solar-powered parking lot program, in which PV panels produced as much energy as they consumed over the course of a year. In addition, CUB appreciates the Company's outreach to customers as detailed on pages 9 and 55, though in the future, CUB would like to see the customer outreach detailed by class and state. CUB also recommends that Idaho Power provide details about the costs of the pilot projects and other programs outlined in the Smart Grid report in a similar method as PGE, a peer utility, has done in previous years.¹

CUB looks forward to additional updates about Idaho Power's smart grid projects and commends the Company in its work.

Sincerely,

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¹ Docket No. UM 1657. PGE 2014 Smart Grid Report, Appendix B.

UM 1675 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 4th day of November, 2014, I served the foregoing **COMMENTS OF THE CITIZENS’ UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON** in docket UM 1675 upon each party listed in the UM 1675 PUC Service List by email and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and upon the Commission by email and by sending one original and three copies by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission’s Salem offices.

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