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August 26, 2011

VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

PUC Filing Center
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
PO Box 2148
Salem, OR 97308-2148

Re: UE 233 – Idaho Power Company's Application for Authority to Increase its Rates and Charges for Electric Service to its Customers in the State of Oregon

Attention Filing Center:

Enclosed in the above-referenced docket are an original and one copy of Idaho Power's Affidavit of Gregory W. Said Regarding Notice of Proposed Rate Revision. A copy of this filing has been served on all parties to this proceeding as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Please contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Wendy McIndoo
Office Manager

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document in UE 233 on the following named person(s) on the date indicated below by email and first-class mail addressed to said person(s) at his or her last-known address(es) indicated below.

Gordon Feighner
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon
gordon@oregoncub.org

Robert Jenks
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon
bob@oregoncub.org

Catriona McCracken
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon
catriona@oregoncub.org

Stephanie Andrus
Assistant Attorney General
stephanie.andrus@state.or.us

DATED: August 26, 2011



Wendy McIndoo, Office Manager

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 233

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE)
TO ITS CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE OF)
OREGON.)

**AFFIDAVIT OF GREGORY W.
SAID REGARDING NOTICE OF
PROPOSED RATE REVISION**

10 STATE OF IDAHO)
11) ss.
12 County of Ada)

13 I, Gregory W. Said, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

14 1 My full name is Gregory W Said I am employed by Idaho Power
15 Company as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs.

16 2 Idaho Power Company filed with the Public Utility Commission of
17 Oregon its Request for a general rate revision on July 29, 2011

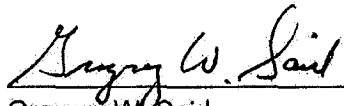
18 3 Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0017, Idaho Power Company caused to be
19 published in the following newspapers of general circulation in the communities served by
20 Idaho Power Company (Argus-Observer – Ontario, Oregon, Hells Canyon Journal –
21 Halfway, Oregon) as well as two newspapers in Baker City, Oregon (The Baker City
22 Herald and The Record Courier) a display advertisement announcing the general rate
23 revision The Ad ran on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, in the *Argus Observer* The Ad
24 size in the *Argus Observer* was 8.036 inches wide by 12 inches tall. The Ad also ran on
25 Wednesday, August 10, 2011, in the *Hells Canyon Journal*. The ad size in the *Hells*
26 *Canyon Journal* was 7 75 inches wide by 12 inches tall. The Ad also ran on Wednesday,

1 August 10, 2011, in the *Baker City Herald* The Ad size in the *Baker City Herald* was 7 7/8
2 inches wide by 12 inches tall. The Ad also ran on Thursday, August 11, 2011, in the
3 *Baker City Record-Center* The Ad size in the *Baker City Record-Center* was 9 inches
4 wide by 12 inches tall A copy of the display announcement is attached to this Affidavit as
5 Exhibit A (actual size published is listed above). The Affidavits of Publication from the
6 aforementioned newspapers are attached as Exhibit B.

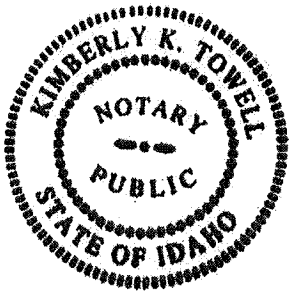
7 4 Additionally, a bill stuffer was or will be included in each Oregon
8 customer's August or September bill mailed August 15, 2011, through September 13,
9 2011, informing them that Idaho Power Company filed for a general rate revision. A copy
10 of that bill stuffer is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit C

11 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Idaho that the
12 foregoing is true and correct based on my information and belief

13 I signed this 26th of August, 2011

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16 Gregory W. Said

17 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 26th day of August, 2011



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Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at: Star, Idaho
My Commission Expires on: 12-20-2014

EXHIBIT A

**OREGON 2011 GENERAL RATE
CASE ADVERTISEMENT**

Important Information About Idaho Power Rates



On July 29, Idaho Power filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (OPUC) a request to increase Oregon base rates by approximately \$5.8 million, or a 14.67 percent overall average increase. Base rates are the portion of rates that pay for Idaho Power's cost of conducting business—including providing power to customers—under normal operating conditions.

Idaho Power is sensitive to the challenges faced by its customers in these difficult economic times and does not take lightly any request to increase rates. We are continually looking for ways to provide services to our customers efficiently and at low cost. Our customers continue to pay some of the lowest rates in the country for electric service.

A summary of proposed changes to Oregon rates is shown at right.

Decisions about energy are some of the most important choices facing our nation and our company today. Continued growth in demand for electricity, investments in aging infrastructure and expenses related to higher compliance and reliability requirements are driving the need to invest large amounts of capital to expand and improve electricity supply and reliability for our customers. The requested rate change will continue to address a long-term, substantial imbalance between the cost of providing service in Oregon and Idaho Power's ability to recover those costs under current rates.

Where can customers review a copy of the filing?

Copies of the filing are available on Idaho Power's website at www.idahopower.com/oregonrates, and also will be posted on the OPUC website, www.puc.state.or.us. In addition, Idaho Power's testimony and exhibits are available for customer review at the company's Payette Operations Center, 1550 South Main Street, Payette, Idaho, and at its corporate headquarters at 1221 West Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho, or by mailing a request to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, 550 Capitol St. N.E. #215, P. O. Box 2148, Salem, OR, 97308-2148. Customers also may call Idaho Power at 1-800-488-6151 or OPUC at 1-800-522-2404 for more information.

How do customers share their opinions on the filing?

The OPUC will begin a comprehensive review of the company's application and will seek public input on the filing. The public involvement process includes public meetings and other ways for customers to share their opinions on the rate case. Idaho Power supports this process, values customer input and encourages participation.

Revenue Impact By Class

Percentage Change From Current Billed Rates

Residential	21.91%
Small General Service	4.82%
Large General Service	10.14%
Large Power	5.00%
Irrigation	29.34%
Overall Change	14.67%

Idaho Power's average Oregon residential customer who uses 1,240 kilowatt-hours per month would see an increase in their monthly bill of \$19.13.

The OPUC may take up to 10 months to consider Idaho Power's request for the proposed rate change, so customers would not see their base rates increase until June 1, 2012.

*We value your business
and appreciate you
taking the time to read
this notice. Thank you.*

This notice is to provide Idaho Power's Oregon customers with general information about a recently proposed rate increase and how, if approved, it would affect customers. Calculations and statements made in this notice will not be binding upon the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (OPUC).

Si le gustaría esta información en Español, favor de llamar Idaho Power al 1-800-488-6151, gratis.

EXHIBIT B

AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION

1160 S.W. 4th St.
Ontario, Oregon 97914
Phone 541-889-5387 1-800-945-4223
FAX 541-889-3347
www.argusobserver.com

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION


IDAHO POWER

REQUEST TO INCREASE BASE RATE IN OREGON

I, John Dillon, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Publisher of the Argus Observer, a newspaper of general circulation as defined by Sections 1-509, 1-510, Oregon Code, printed and published at the City of Ontario in Malheur County, the state of Oregon; that 1 insertion of the above named ad did run in said newspaper on date of August 10, A.D. 2011.



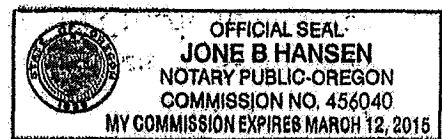
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of August, A.D. 2011.



Notary Public for the State of Oregon

My commission expires
Malheur County
State of Oregon

March 12th, 2015.

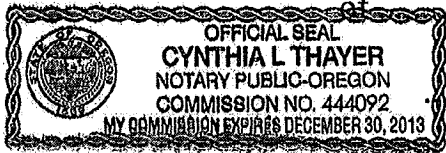


AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
State of Oregon, County of Baker, ss.

I, Steven D. Backstrom, being first duly sworn, affirm that I am the Publisher of the Hells Canyon Journal, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Halfway, Baker County, State of Oregon; that such newspaper is made up of at least eight pages of six columns each of at least 21 inches in depth of type matter; that such newspaper was regularly and uninterruptedly published once each week for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first publication of the attached public notice and has more than 200 bona fide subscribers within said county; that the attached public notice BASE RATE INCREASE REQUEST of which one hereto attached is a true and correct copy as printed, was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof, once each week for ONE (1) successive and consecutive weeks, commencing with the issue dated the ... 10th day of AUGUST, 2011; ending with the issue dated the ... 10th day of AUGUST, 2011; that the amount of charge made and to be collected by such newspaper for such publication is \$... 220.80

Steve Backstrom

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day
of August, 2011



Cynthia L Thayer
Notary Public for Oregon

My commission expires..... 12/30/13

Baker City Herald

www.bakercityherald.com

1915 First Street, Baker City, Oregon 97814--(541) 523 3673--fax. (541) 523-6426

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF BAKER

I, **Julie A. Ferdig**, a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid, I am over the age of eighteen years, and not party to or interested in the below-entitled matter I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Baker City Herald a daily newspaper of general circulation, published in the aforesaid county and state as defined by ORS 193.010 and ORS 193.020, that

Acct. Name: Idaho Power Company

Ad No. 76000

Ad Description: Budget Hearing

a printed copy of which is hereto affixed was published in each regular and entire issue of the said newspaper on the following dates, to wit:

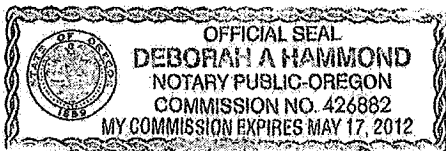
August 10, 2011

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Baker City, Oregon this 12 day of August, 2011

Julie A. Ferdig

Deborah A. Hammond
Notary Public of Oregon



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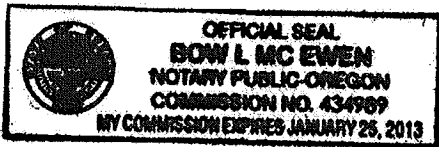
State of Oregon, County of Baker, ss.

I, Debby Schoeningh, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the **EDITOR** - Printer of The Record-Courier, which is a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in Baker City, in said County and State; that such newspaper is made of of at least four pages of five columns each and of at least 17 3/4 inches in depth of type matter; that such newspaper was regularly and uninterruptedly published once each week for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the first publication of the attached **PUBLIC NOTICE** and has more than 200 bona fide subscribers within said county; that the **PUBLIC NOTICE** of which the one hereto attached is a true and correct copy as printed, was published in the regular and entire issue of said news paper and not in any supplement thereof, once each week for 1 Successive weeks, being published 1 times, commencing with the issue dated the **11th day of August, 2011**, and ending with the issue dated **11th day of August, 2011**

That the amount of charge actually made and to be collected by such newspaper for publication is \$ **276.00**.

Debby Schoeningh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **11th day of August, 2011**



[Signature]

Notary Public for Oregon.

My Commission expires January 25, 2013.

EXHIBIT C

BILL STUFFER

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What does this mean to Idaho Power customers?

Idaho Power provides reliable, responsible, fair-priced energy service to 18,453 customers in all Oregon rate classes. A summary of proposed changes to Oregon rates is shown at right.

The OPUC may take up to 10 months to consider Idaho Power's request for the proposed rate change, so customers would not see their base rates increase until June 1, 2012.

Why is Idaho Power filing a general rate case?

The requested rate change will continue to address a long-term, substantial imbalance between the cost of providing service in Oregon and Idaho Power's ability to recover those costs under current rates. This increase in rates is important for Idaho Power to achieve fair and timely recovery of investments it has already made in its electrical system, which today's rates do not fully provide.

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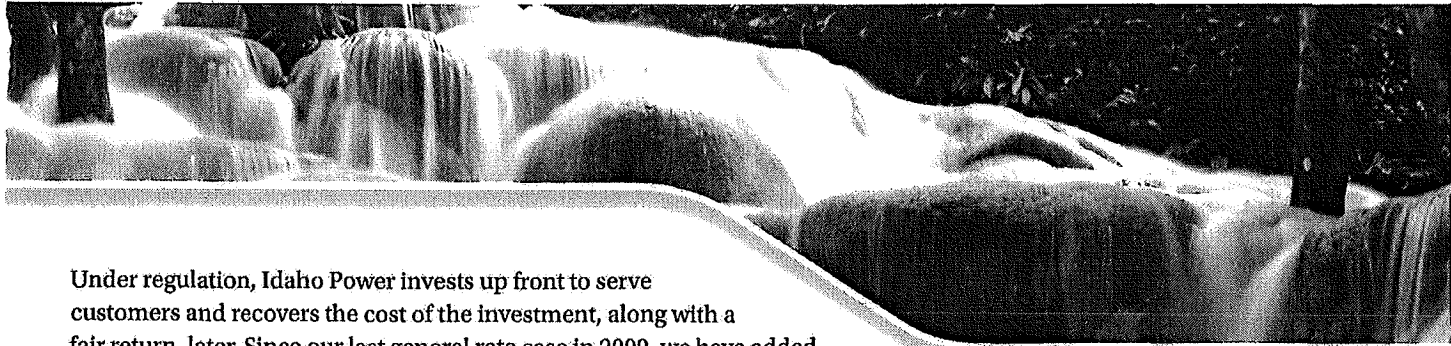
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Under regulation, Idaho Power invests up front to serve customers and recovers the cost of the investment, along with a fair return, later. Since our last general rate case in 2009, we have added more than \$316 million in our total system investments needed to continue to provide safe and reliable electric service to our customers. Idaho Power has not earned its authorized rate of return in any of the last five years and does not expect to in 2011.

What is Idaho Power doing to “tighten its belt?”

Similar to businesses across the nation, we have taken numerous steps to eliminate and lower costs without jeopardizing our system reliability, service quality and commitment to serve. These included aggressive measures to control labor costs, including, but not limited to, senior management pay freezes in 2009 and an employee reorganization designed to improve operational efficiencies, which resulted in a decrease in employees from 2008 to 2010. Although helpful, our cost-cutting measures do not eliminate the need to raise rates to recover expenses.

Is Oregon paying for growth in Idaho?

Customer demand on our system comes from all parts of our service area. From 2009 to 2011, exclusive of depreciation, Idaho Power's electric system investment required to serve our Oregon customers will have increased approximately \$18 million. We also experienced escalating costs associated with providing service since the last Oregon rate case in 2009. Oregon demand is growing as well as Idaho, and all customers in our service area benefit from system improvements.

What are you doing to help your customers in this tough economy?

Idaho Power is committed to helping all customers through a variety of ongoing energy assistance initiatives. The most important is helping consumers use energy efficiently and take advantage of programs that can help cut costs by reducing consumption. Go to www.idahopower.com/energyefficiency for information on programs and tools to help make wise energy choices and save energy and money for your home or business.

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