



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
GENERAL COUNSEL DIVISION

May 16, 2005

Christina Smith
Administrative Law Judge
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol Street, NE
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Re: UM 1198

Dear Judge Smith,

This letter is to report to you the status of the parties' negotiations in Docket No. UM 1198. Pursuant to the procedural schedule in this case, staff of the Public Utility Commission ("staff") is to provide this report to you no later than May 16, 2005. This report is to inform you whether the parties believe it will be necessary to hold another pre-hearing conference in order to set a schedule for additional testimony, etc.

The parties to Docket No. UM 1198, staff, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power) and the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), attended a settlement conference on May 13, 2005. The parties came to an agreement, in concept, regarding all issues in this docket and are in the process of memorializing the agreement with a written stipulation. The parties plan to file this stipulation, supported by joint testimony, within the next 30 days (no later than June 10, 2005). The parties anticipate that once the stipulation and joint testimony are submitted, this matter may be taken under advisement without a hearing or further process, unless such is desired by the administrative law judge.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

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