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RE: UM 1167 – In the Matter of Idaho Power Company’s Application for an
Accounting Order Regarding the Treatment of Certain Asset Retirement Obligations

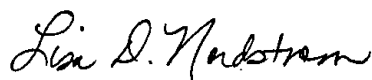
Attention Filing Center:

On October 7, 2004, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) issued Order No. 04-585 approving Idaho Power Company’s (“Company” or “Idaho Power”) implementation of a new accounting methodology regarding the treatment of certain asset retirement obligations (“ARO’s”) under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 143 (now codified as Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 410). In addition, the Commission ordered the Company to provide Staff with all journal entries made under the requirements of ASC 410 and any journal entries that true-up the ASC adjustments to historical regulatory accounting in order to remove rate impacts of the accounting treatment. The Commission ordered the entries filed at any time Idaho Power files a rate change, including general rate filings and Power Cost Adjustment filings.

On September 26, 2011, Idaho Power filed an application requesting authorization to increase its rates for the early closure of the Boardman power plant. On June 26, 2012, Order No. 12-235 was issued authorizing the Company to begin recovery of incremental costs related to the early closure of Boardman and established the Boardman balancing account which tracks the difference between costs and revenues, including Boardman-related ARO balances. In addition, Order No. 12-235 exempted Boardman-related ARO balances from the deferral treatment required under Order No. 04-585.

Pursuant to Order No. 04-585, attached please find all journal entries made under the requirements of ASC 410. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Senior Regulatory Analyst Courtney Waites at (208) 388-5612 or cwaites@idahopower.com.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Idaho Power Company
Accounting Standards Codification 410 (previously FAS 143) Accounting
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Recorded journal entries

	FERC Account	Dr.	Cr.
<i>December 31, 2018 balances</i>			
ARO Assets	101/107	14,299,376	-
Accumulated depreciation - ARO assets	108	-	10,653,584
Accumulated depreciation - removal costs	108	186,188,145	-
Cash	131	-	40,044
Regulatory assets	182.3	17,655,216	-
ARO Liabilities	230	-	26,791,608
Regulatory liabilities	254	-	186,188,145
Accretion expense (Boardman only), cumulative	411	1,728,909	-
Depreciation expense (Boardman only), cumulative	403	3,801,736	-

Calendar year 2019 Accretion, Depreciation, Regulatory Asset Amortization, and Removal Cost Entries

1	Regulatory asset (accretion expense)	182.3	905,735	
	Accretion expense (Boardman only)	411	209,615	
	ARO liabilities	230		1,115,349

To record accretion expense on the asset retirement obligations

2	Regulatory asset (depreciation expense)	182.3	555,230	
	Depreciation expense (Boardman only)	403	544,133	
	Accumulated depreciation - ARO assets	108		1,099,363

To record depreciation on the ARO assets

3	Accretion expense (Boardman only)	411	23,337	
	Depreciation expense (Boardman only)	403	22,532	
	Regulatory asset (Boardman amortization)	182.3		45,869

To record amortization of the Boardman regulatory asset

4	Accumulated depreciation - removal costs	108	(1,887,134)	
	Regulatory liabilities	254		(1,887,134)

To record adjustments to the ARO regulatory liability for the difference between regulatory-approved removal costs and the ASC 410 accruals

Calendar year 2019 changes in estimates

5	ARO Assets	107	518,759	
	Regulatory asset	182.3	(294,732)	
	Accumulated depreciation - ARO assets	108		(141,002)
	ARO Liabilities	230		365,029

To record revision of estimated AROs at Valmy, Bridger, Boardman, and IPC. Removed IPC from balance sheet in 2019.

Calendar year 2019 additions

6	ARO Assets	107	-	
	Accumulated depreciation - ARO assets	108	-	-
	Regulatory asset	182.3	-	
	ARO Liabilities	230	-	-

No 2019 additions.

Calendar year 2019 retirements

7	Regulatory asset	182.3		17,462
	Cash	131		77,915
	ARO Liabilities	230	95,376	

To primarily record retirements at Bridger and retirement spend at Boardman.

Rounding adjustments

8	Accumulated depreciation - ARO assets	107	(77,238)	
	Regulatory asset	182.3		(77,238)

December 31, 2019 balances

ARO Assets	101/107	14,740,897	-	
Accumulated depreciation - ARO assets	108	-	11,611,945	
Accumulated depreciation - removal costs	108	184,301,011	-	
Cash	131	-	117,958	
Regulatory assets	182.3	18,835,356	-	
ARO Liabilities	230	-	28,176,610	
Regulatory liabilities	254	-	184,301,011	