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Attention: Filing Center
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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Re:

Docket No. UE 314

2017 Annual Power Cost Update ("APCU") - Corrected Page 10 of the

Direct Testimony of Nicole A. Blackwell

Dear Filing Center:

Attached for filing is Idaho Power Company's replacement page 10 to the Testimony of Nicole A. Blackwell. This replacement page corrects an error made on line 8 where the word "median" was used rather than the word "average". This section of Ms. Blackwell's testimony describes the natural gas pricing forecast for the 2017 APCU. As filed, line 8 states that the median natural gas price was selected for the pricing forecast which is incorrect. For the 2017 APCU, the average natural gas price was selected for the pricing forecast.

In order to reflect this change, attached is an electronic copy of **corrected** page 10 of Ms. Blackwell's testimony. A redlined copy of page 10 is also attached for reference and the Commission's convenience.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed corrected page or this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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