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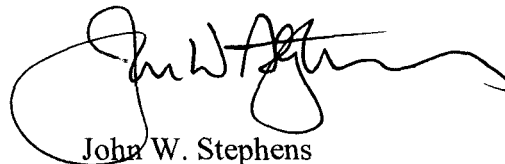
Re: In the Matter of IDAHO POWER COMPANY: Application for Acknowledgement of February 2009 Addendum to Its 2006 Integrated Resource Plan, PUC Docket No. LC 41— Comments on Idaho Power Company 2009 Addendum to 2006 Integrated Resource Plan by Renewable Northwest Project

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed please find an original and five copies of Comments on Idaho Power Company 2009 Addendum to 2006 Integrated Resource Plan by Renewable Northwest Project. Copies of the Comments have been served by electronic mail on the parties listed on the Commission's electronic docket web page for this proceeding, and by regular mail to those parties who have not waived paper service.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



John W. Stephens

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

LC 41

In the Matter of) RENEWABLE NORTHWEST PROJECT'S
IDAHO POWER COMPANY,) COMMENTS ON IDAHO POWER
Application for Acknowledgement of) COMPANY 2009 ADDENDUM TO 2006
February 2009 Addendum to Its 2006) INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN
Integrated Resource Plan.)

On February 5, 2009, Idaho Power Company ("Company") filed an Addendum to its acknowledged 2006 Integrated Resource Plan ("Addendum") to include the proposed Boardman to Hemingway transmission line ("Line").

The Renewable Northwest Project (RNP) urges the Commission to consider the potential benefits of a 500 kv (or greater voltage) transmission line following the general path of the Company's proposed Line. RNP looks forward to working with the Company through the siting review agencies in each jurisdiction to ensure an appropriate and acceptable routing of such a line.

RNP believes that additional transmission capacity from the general area of the existing Hemingway substation to the general area of the existing Boardman substation will facilitate the transmission of renewable energy resources to serve load centers.

RNP agrees with the Addendum (at page 6) that the proposed Line is needed to meet requests for wholesale transmission service across and from the Company's transmission system. Such capability will be required to move renewable resources from the high quality resource areas in the Intermountain West to the load centers on the West Coast, including in Oregon.

As page 19 of the Addendum describes, a line similar to the proposed Line will coordinate with other regional transmission projects to facilitate the transmission of electricity, primarily from renewable resources, from east to west.

Finally, additional transmission capacity in the area of the proposed Line will facilitate the development of renewable energy projects that are currently under consideration in the immediate region, but lack the transmission service necessary to deliver the power to market.

DATED this 10th day of April, 2009.

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By: s/ John W. Stephens
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing **COMMENTS ON IDAHO POWR COMPANY 2009 ADDENDUM TO 2006 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN BY RENEWABLE NORTHWEST PROJECT** on the following persons on April 10, 2009, by hand-delivering, faxing, e-mailing, or mailing (as indicated below) to each a copy thereof, and if mailed, contained in a sealed envelope, with postage paid, addressed to said attorneys at the last known address of each shown below and deposited in the post office on said day at Portland, Oregon:

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