



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
GENERAL COUNSEL DIVISION

June 21, 2006

Christina Smith
Administrative Law Judge
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol Street, NE
Salem, Oregon 97308

Re: Docket No. UM 1198; *In the Matter of Idaho Power Company Authorization to defer for future rate recovery excess net power supply expenses necessarily incurred in 2005-2006 as a result of extraordinarily low stream flow conditions*

Dear Judge Smith:

This letter is a status report regarding settlement negotiations between the parties in the above-titled case. Staff and Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power") participated in a telephonic settlement conference on June 14, 2006, and made progress toward settlement. The parties agreed to a continuation of the settlement conference to allow for the exchange of information. The Citizens' Utility Board did not participate in the conference but has been briefed regarding the negotiations. The parties anticipate meeting (telephonically) in the next fourteen days to continue settlement discussions. This meeting will be noticed to all parties to the docket. I will file another status report following that meeting.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie S. Andrus
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on June 21, 2006, I served the foregoing upon all parties of record in this proceeding by delivering a copy by electronic mail and by mailing a copy by postage prepaid first class mail or by hand delivery/shuttle mail to the parties accepting paper service.

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