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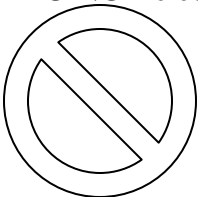
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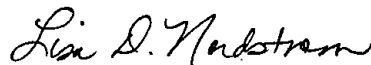
Re: Transmission Updates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014 Transmission Updates report regarding the Gateway West transmission project developed jointly between PacifiCorp and Idaho Power. This update provides a description of the developments that transpired in the second quarter of this year.

This filing should be forwarded to Dr. Aster Adams, Manager, and Jorge Ordonez, Senior Financial Analyst of the Energy Resources and Planning Department. If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Waites, Senior Regulatory Analyst at 208-388-5612.

Very truly yours,



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## **Idaho Power Transmission Updates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014** **July 15, 2014**

In late 2013, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, requested<sup>1</sup> that Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power” or “Company”) provide quarterly updates regarding the Energy Gateway West transmission project developed jointly between PacifiCorp and Idaho Power (“Companies”). Staff requested that, for each sub-segment<sup>2</sup> of this project, the Company provide a description of the developments<sup>3</sup> that transpired in the previous quarter.

### **April – June, 2014:**

During the second quarter of 2014, the Companies continued to support the work of the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) Boise District Resource Advisory Council (“RAC”) Subcommittee to identify routing opportunities both within and outside the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey (“SRBOP”) National Conservation Area for sub-segments 8 and 9 of Gateway West. The routing alternates and evaluations were finalized, along with the Subcommittee’s review of the Companies’ proposed Enhancement Package (which aligns with the enabling language and the Resource Management Plan of the SRBOP in allowing transmission facilities to be located within the SRBOP). Subcommittee meetings during the 2014 second quarter were held on April 2, April 18, April 30, and May 13.

On June 5, 2014, the Subcommittee presented their findings and recommendations to the full RAC, which included their report on Gateway West sub-segments 8 and 9 route options and their report on proposed mitigation and enhancement portfolio. The RAC accepted the subcommittee’s reports and forwarded them to the BLM. The reports and additional information can be found at the following link: [http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/get\\_involved/resource\\_advisory/boise/RAC-subcmte\\_GWW.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/get_involved/resource_advisory/boise/RAC-subcmte_GWW.html)

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<sup>1</sup> OPUC Staff Data Request 1, Transmission Updates Docket, dated December 17, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Segment E comprised by the following sub-segments: Hemingway to Cedar Hill, Hemingway to Midpoint, Midpoint to Cedar Hill, Midpoint to Borah, Borah to Populus, Cedar Hill to Populus; and Segment D comprised by the following sub-segments: Populus to Bridger, Bridger to Aeolus, and Aeolus to Windstar.

<sup>3</sup> By developments, Staff means any federal, state and local permitting, regulatory, and other events.

The BLM and the Companies met on July 8, 2014, with the BLM informing the Companies that a full Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ("SEIS") will be required for sub-segments 8 and 9. The SEIS steps include:

- A Notice of Intent published to the Federal Register to announce the SEIS
- Scoping period with open-house style public meetings
- A Notice of Availability will be published to the Federal Register stating the Draft SEIS is available for public comment
- A Notice of Availability will be published to the Federal Register stating the Final SEIS is available for public comments
- A Record of Decision will be issued by the BLM

The BLM was not prepared to discuss a schedule for the SEIS at the July 8, 2014, meeting; however, the Companies believe it will likely take 18-24 months to complete the SEIS.

Because of sub-segments 8 and 9's importance to the Gateway West project and to Idaho Power's interest in the project, no additional permitting (state or local), regulatory activities or other events are currently being pursued by Idaho Power until the BLM provides its Record of Decision on these two sub-segments.