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COMPANY NAME: Idaho Power Company

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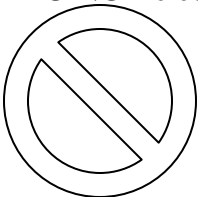
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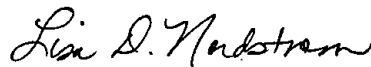
Re: Gateway West Transmission Updates: 3rd Quarter 2015

Attention Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the 3rd Quarter 2015 Transmission Updates report regarding the Gateway West transmission project developed jointly between PacifiCorp and Idaho Power Company. This update provides a description of the developments that transpired in the third 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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Enclosure

cc: Mitch Colburn

Idaho Power Company's
Gateway West Transmission Updates for 3rd Quarter 2015
October 16, 2015

In late 2013, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) requested¹ 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. Staff requested that, for each sub-segment² of this project, the Company provide a description of the developments³ that transpired in the previous quarter.

Project Developments:

On December 15, 2014, the BLM provided their Scoping Report, which can be viewed at this website: http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/gateway-west.html

The Bureau of Land Management’s (“BLM”) completion of the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (“SEIS”) and draft Notice of Availability for the BLM Washington Office, expected on July 31, 2015, has been delayed pending BLM’s decision on a preferred route of segments 8 and 9. Because of the delay, the BLM is not able to commit to a schedule at this time. Idaho Power estimates a “best-case scenario” schedule as follows:

- Draft SEIS release – December 2015
- Final SEIS release – July 2016
- Record of Decision (“ROD”) – October 2016

Segment 8 is located between the Midpoint substation and the Hemingway substation and segment 9 is located between the proposed Cedar Hill substation and Hemingway. These segments were not covered by the previous ROD issued on November 14, 2013. Because of their 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 ROD on these two sub-segments.

¹Commission Staff Data Request No. 1, Transmission Updates Docket, dated December 17, 2013.

²Segment 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.

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