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COMPANY NAME: Idaho Power Company

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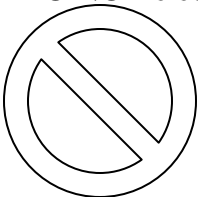
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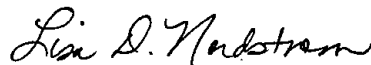
Re: Gateway West Transmission Updates: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015

Attention Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 first 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

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**Idaho Power Company's**  
**Gateway West Transmission Updates for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015**  
**April 22, 2015**

In late 2013, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission Staff”), 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.

**Recent Project Developments:**

On December 15, 2014, the Bureau of Land Management (“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](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/gateway-west.html)

On January 7, 2015, the Companies met with BLM who informed the Companies that the target completion date for the administrative draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (“SEIS”) to be submitted and reviewed by the BLM and the cooperating agencies is January 30, 2015.

During a meeting with the Companies on February 10, 2015, the BLM informed the Companies that there would be a delay in the administrative draft SEIS. The BLM indicated that they are now proposing to consider two new alternative routes and require more time to finalize the range of alternatives. The revised schedule presented to the Companies by the BLM anticipates that the administrative draft SEIS will be released in June 2015.

On April 3, 2015, the Companies met with the BLM again to discuss the new alternative routes considered by the BLM. BLM also presented a tentative schedule with the following upcoming milestone dates:

- Administrative draft SEIS – June 2015
- Draft SEIS release – September 2015

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<sup>1</sup>Commission Staff Data Request No. 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, Commission Staff means any federal, state, and local permitting, regulatory, and other events.

- Final SEIS release – April 2016
- Record of Decision (“ROD”) – July 2016 (moved up from the previous schedule of October 2016)

The Companies continue to support the BLM’s efforts to meet its revised process schedule, which include publishing the draft SEIS to the Federal Register in September 2015.

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 ROD on these two sub-segments.