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COMPANY NAME: Idaho Power Company

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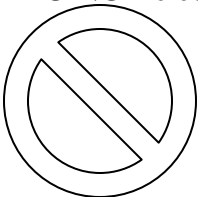
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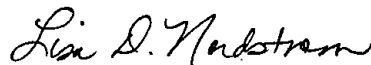
Re: Gateway West Transmission Updates: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015

Attention Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the 4<sup>th</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 fourth 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 Project Update for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015**  
**January 15, 2016**

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

**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)

The BLM’s completion of the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (“SEIS”) and draft Notice of Availability for the BLM Washington Office, expected on July 31, 2015, continues to be delayed pending BLM’s decision on a preferred route of segments 8 and 9. Because of the delay, the BLM is not willing to firmly commit to a schedule at this time; however, the agency is indicating a target date of March 2016 to release the draft SEIS. Based on current information, Idaho Power estimates a “best-case scenario” schedule as follows:

- Draft SEIS release – March 2016
- Final SEIS release – Fall 2016
- Record of Decision (“ROD”) – December 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 substation. 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.

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<sup>1</sup>Commission 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.