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March 8, 2013

Attention: Filing Center
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol Street NE, Suite 215
P. O. Box 2148
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Re: Idaho Power Company's New Construction Budget Report for 2013

Dear Sir or Madam:

Idaho Power Company herewith transmits for electronic filing its New Construction Budget Report for 2013.

Additionally, per Judy Johnson/Melanie Forsyth's e-mail dated October 31, 2012, a courtesy paper copy is being mailed to Melanie Forsyth.

If you have any questions, please call me at 208-388-5825.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa D. Nordstrom".

Lisa D. Nordstrom

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cc: Jerry McCabe
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REPORT NAME: Electric Company New Construction Budget for 2013

COMPANY NAME: Idaho Power Company

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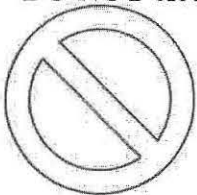
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ELECTRIC COMPANY NEW CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR 2013

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each energy utility operating within the State of Oregon and having gross operating revenues of \$50,00 or more per year is required to file a New Construction Budget annually on or before December 31st and report information on new construction, extension, and new additions to property of the utility in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule 860-027-0015.
2. The New Construction Budget Report should be completed and filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Filing Center. Complete the e-Filing Report Cover Sheet found at http://egov.oregon.gov/PUC/eFiling/eReports/eFiling_report_cover_sheet.docx. Email both the report and the cover sheet to PUC.FilingCenter@state.or.us, not later than December 31st of the year preceding that for which the budget is made.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

For major projects (the three largest projects in terms of cost and all projects greater than \$10 million) a narrative supplying the following information is required:

1. Project Description: Include a brief technical specification of the project, ownership, if jointly owned, operating date, stage of construction, and other relevant information.
2. Need for the Project: Attach all prepared information documenting the need for the project, including the specific need the project is intended to fill. Economic comparisons with alternatives are to be attached. All the underlying assumptions of the economic analyses are to be specified.
3. Contingencies: Attach a listing of existing or potential future problems which might impact the final cost or successful completion and operation of the project, such as licensing problems, labor difficulties, litigation, etc.
4. Reconciliation with Prior Budget: Each successive year's budget can be expected to reflect differing estimates of project costs as the project progresses. For each major project, prepare a reconciliation with the prior budget's estimates and provide specific reasons for the changes.

In addition, please attach copies of prepared documentation or plans describing generation transmission, and general plant projects exceeding \$1,000,000 in total cost and for which construction will commence in the budget year. Information submitted should contain:

1. A Brief Project Description: Include the project function (e.g., production, transmission, distribution, general plant, thermal, hydro, or other), project identification.
2. Location: Include a starting and ending date.
3. Total budgeted cost.

FULL NAME OF ELECTRIC COMPANY IDAHO POWER COMPANY			
ADDRESS: PO BOX OR STREET NUMBER 1221 W. IDAHO	CITY Boise	STATE Idaho	ZIP CODE 83702
CERTIFICATION: I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION REPORTED IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.			
SIGNATURE 	TITLE Corporate Budget Manager	DATE 3-7-13	

Schedule B: Electric Company New Construction Budget (System)

COMPANY: Idaho Power Company

BUDGET YEAR: 2013

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Report size of major production projects only, and percent ownership, scheduled operating dates, and expenditures required to complete project for major production, transmission, and general plant projects.
2. Major projects are defined as those projects having a total estimated cost to completion exceeding \$10 million.
3. Under "Distribution," report specific line item expenditures for the budget year only. All expenditures for distribution following the budget year should be aggregated for the year and only total distribution expenditures reported for the period.
4. Non-major project expenditures within each category should be aggregated and only the totals reported.
5. Report all expenditures in thousands of dollars.

DESCRIPTION	SIZE	PERCENT OWNERSHIP %	SCHEDULED OPERATING DATE (MO / YR)	EXPENDITURES (B.Y. = BUDGET YEAR; B.Y. + 1 = THE FIRST YEAR AFTER THE BUDGET YEAR, ETC.)						REQUIRED TO COMPLETE	TOTAL
				PRIOR TO B.Y.	B.Y.	B.Y. + 1	B.Y. + 2	B.Y. + 3	B.Y. + 4		
Major Production Projects:											
Brownlee Turbine Runner Replacement - This project is to replace the runners and refurbish the turbines for Brownlee units 1 through 4. Significant and increasing cavitations are occurring in the units and this project will address the long-term reliability concern. In addition, the runners will improve generation efficiency	Na	100%	Various	241	2,397	3,269	9,418				15,325
HCC Power Plant Relicensing - This project represents relicensing efforts associated with the Hells Canyon Complex (HCC). Ongoing relicensing activities include: Coordination of the relicensing process, Consulting with regulatory agencies, tribes and interested parties, Study and data analysis, Preparing all necessary reports, exhibits, and filings, Responding to requests for additional information from the FERC.	Na	100%	2013+	159,148	5,081	3,497	2,150				169,876
Hydro Plant Early Mitigation and Mitigation& Compliance - This project represents the capital expenditure estimates of complying with terms of a new Hells Canyon Complex license order. Early mitigation projects began in 2005, though receipt of the license is not expected until sometime in the future	Na	100%	Various	30,098	2,865	3,515	14,549				51,027
Bridger Selective Catalytic Reduction - All Units Idaho Power and the plant co-owners intend to install selective catalytic reduction (SCR) equipment to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions at the Jim Bridger power plant, in order to comply with regional haze rules. SCR is required to be installed and operational on unit 3 by 2015 and unit 4 by 2016. An equivalent technology will be required for NOx reductions on unit 2 by 2021 and unit 1 by 2022.	Na	33%	Various	414	35,996	41,143	31,330				108,883

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<p>Gas Plant Capitalized Parts Replacement & Refurbishment Program - This program is for the purchase and refurbishment of capitalized parts for the Danskin, Bennett Mountain and Langley Gulch power plants. Parts included in this program are critical, large dollar items with long lead times that would significantly impact a plant's timely ability to return to operation if a failure occurs.</p>	Na	100%	Various	18,456	8,219	2,400	20,959					50,034
<p>Non-Major Production Projects</p>					59,031	61,325	72,456					
<p>Total Production Projects</p>					113,589	115,149	150,862					
<p>Major Transmission Projects: Due to FERC Standards of Conduct, IPC has presented its major and non-major transmission projects in total, and without year by year amounts for the projects discussed.</p> <p><u>Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line</u> (permitting) - The Boardman-to-Hemingway line, a proposed 300-mile, 500-kV transmission project between a station near Boardman, Oregon and the Hemingway station near Boise, Idaho, would provide transmission service to meet needs identified in the 2011 IRP. Federal and state permitting continues to move forward with a draft EIS expected to be issued in mid-2013. The completion date of the project is subject to siting, permitting, regulatory approvals, in-service date requirements of the parties electing to construct the line, the terms of any resulting joint construction agreements, and other conditions. Based on Idaho Power's assessment of those and other factors, Idaho Power continues to believe that a project in-service date prior to 2018 is unlikely.</p>												

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Distribution (See Instruction 3):										
Station Equipment					5,064					
Poles, Towers, and Fixtures					6,151					
Overhead Conductors and Devices					3,311					
Underground Conductors and Devices					14,720					
Underground Conduit					1,251					
Line Transformers					12,048					
Services					4,468					
Meters					1,894					
Street Lighting and Signal Systems					120					
Other:					1,058					
Total Distribution					50,085	78,288	67,170			
Major General Plant Projects:										
Non-Major General Plant Projects					47,754	36,762	25,016			
Total General Plant Projects					47,754	36,762	25,016			
Total New Construction Budget					252,657	275,976	298,712			

NEW CONSTRUCTION BUDGET - 2013
IDAHO POWER COMPANY
OTHER PROJECTS EXCEEDING \$1 MILLION

Project / Program	In Service Date	B.Y. Cost	B.Y. +1	B.Y. +2	3 Year Total	Description
GENERATION						
Shoshone Falls Powerhouse Expansion and Interconnection	Unknown	\$ 658	\$ 2,896	\$ 2,689	\$ 6,243	The Shoshone Falls Expansion project is included in the 2011 Integrated Resource Plan. Design and construction of the new spillway, intake gate and hoist is slated for 2013 and 2014. These are aging infrastructure replacements and improvements needed at the existing project in the short term. Idaho Power received a license amendment from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the powerhouse expansion on July 1, 2010. The amendment requires construction to commence within two years and be complete within five years. The company received a two year extension from the FERC on May 1, 2012, which requires construction to commence by July 1, 2014. At this time, Idaho Power intends to request an additional two year construction extension from the FERC regarding the major segments of the project. Idaho Power will continue assessing the economics and value of the proposed generation project over the next two years as part of Integrated Resource Planning and budget processes.
Hydro Power Plant Compliance for C. J. Strike, Upper and Lower Salmon, Shoshone Falls, Malad and Swan Falls Licenses	Various	\$ 779	\$ 2,945	\$ 175	\$ 3,899	This project represents the capital expenditure necessary for complying with the terms of new licenses granted for Idaho Power's C.J. Strike, Upper and Lower Salmon, Shoshone Falls, and Malad hydro projects. Also included in the estimates is the Swan Falls hydro project which received a new license in 2012.
Niagara Springs Hatchery Renovation	2013	\$ 2,916	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,916	Idaho Power's hatchery program is part of the existing license requirements of the Hells Canyon Complex (HCC). The renovation of the Niagara Springs Hatchery will be required as a condition of the HCC license renewal. The Niagara Springs hatchery, built in the 1960's, has significant aging infrastructure problems throughout most of its components. Although the new HCC license has not been issued, renovation to address critical items is necessary now to ensure continued hatchery operations.
Bridger - Unit 2 Turbine Upgrade	2013	\$ 4,813	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,813	This project will upgrade the high pressure, intermediate pressure, and low pressure turbines on Jim Bridger unit 2 for improved efficiencies. The upgrade has the potential to provide an additional six megawatts of capacity (Idaho Power's share) with no additional coal consumption.
Bridger - Unit 2 Cooling Tower Replacement	2013	\$ 2,745	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,745	This project will replace the cooling tower on Jim Bridger unit 2. The framing for the cooling tower has essentially reached the end of its reliable service life, necessitating replacement.
TRANSMISSION						
See Note at the Major Transmission Project section of this report.						
DISTRIBUTION						

Project / Program	In Service Date	B.Y. Cost	B.Y. +1	B.Y. +2	3 Year Total	Description
GENERAL PLANT						
Communication Assets Replacements and Upgrades	various	\$ 8,319	\$ 4,071	\$ -	\$ 12,390	Many pieces of Idaho Power's communications backbone have been rendered technologically obsolete due to the lack of manufacturers' support, lack of spare parts availability, and lack of software and firmware patches. This project replaces approximately 76 digital communications routers, 49 microwave radios, and 48 communications multiplexers. Mission-critical communications are carried over this system, such as relaying for bulk power transmission, remedial action schemes, SCADA/EMS (entire Idaho Power system status and control), and two-way radio systems.
Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Camera/Access Control and Monitoring Compliance	various	\$ 4,489	\$ 1,354	\$ -	\$ 5,843	This project address compliance with changes in NERC (CIP) Standards and Idaho Power's Physical Security Program. Version 4/5 of the CIP standards and availability of replacement frame relay hardware require Idaho Power to change how certain transmission assets and associated cyber assets are classified. In order to meet CIP standards and recommended security measures of the Physical Security Program, physical access control and monitoring devices will be installed in up to 15 locations. Communication upgrades are required at multiple locations to implement this solution.
Boise Center West	2013	4,687	-	-	\$ 4,687	Boise Center West is a project to address long term needs for consolidated 24/7 operations and a primary data center. The facility is intended to house approximately 350 employees performing the following functions: call center, regional operations support, energy management system (EMS), IT operations, and corporate security. The facility includes a Tier 2 data center with key redundant infrastructure, fiber communication loops, and physical and electronic security to support mission-critical information systems. The data center was completed in the summer 2012 and is currently operational. Final infrastructure work and employee occupancy will occur in 2013.