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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND U.S. MAIL

Attention: Filing Center
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol Street NE, Suite 215
P.O. Box 1088
Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

Re: Docket UM 1621(1)
In the Matter of Idaho Power Company Request for Authorization for
Deferral of Costs Associated with Intervenor Funding Grants and Waiver
of OAR 860-027-0300(2)

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in Docket UM 1621(1) are an original and three (3) copies of Idaho Power Company's Application for Deferred Accounting. The Notice of Application for Deferred Accounting of Intervenor Funding Grants is attached to the Application as Attachment A. The Application and Notice have been served on the parties in Idaho Power Company's last general rate case as indicated in the Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Christa Bearry

Enclosures

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1621(1)

In the Matter of
IDAHO POWER COMPANY
Request for Authorization for Deferral of
Costs Associated with Intervenor Funding
Grants and Waiver of OAR 860-027-0300(2)

APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED
ACCOUNTING

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power” or “Company”) applies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) for an order authorizing the Company to defer costs associated with intervenor funding grants pursuant to ORS 757.072 and ORS 757.259(3). Idaho Power requests a deferral of all costs incurred beginning August 1, 2013, and ending July 31, 2014.

In support of this Application, Idaho Power states:

- 1. Idaho Power is a public utility in the state of Oregon and its rates, services, and accounting practices are subject to the regulation of the Commission.
- 2. This Application is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259(3), which allows for deferral of amounts provided as financial assistance under an agreement entered into under ORS 757.072 upon request of the public utility.
- 3. Idaho Power wishes to waive paper service in this docket.

Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

<p>Lisa D. Nordstrom Idaho Power Company 1221 West Idaho Street (83702) P.O. Box 70 Boise, Idaho 83707 lnordstrom@idahopower.com</p>	<p>Regulatory Dockets Idaho Power Company 1221 West Idaho Street (83702) P.O. Box 70 Boise, Idaho 83707 dockets@idahopower.com</p>
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1 **II. OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 860-027-0300 REQUIREMENTS**

2 The following information is provided pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300(3):

3 **A. Description**

4 With this deferral application, Idaho Power seeks authorization from the
5 Commission to accrue, for future amortization as set forth in the Intervenor Funding
6 Agreement (“Agreement”) between Idaho Power and the Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon
7 (“CUB”), costs associated with providing intervenor funding pursuant to ORS 757.072 and
8 Order No. 10-396.

9 **B. Reasons for Deferral**

10 **1. Statutory Authority**

11 ORS 757.072 authorizes the Commission to approve an agreement for intervenor
12 funding between an energy utility and a customer organization that represents broad
13 customer interests. ORS 757.259(3) provides that:

14 Upon request of the public utility, the commission by order
15 shall allow deferral of amounts provided as financial
16 assistance under an agreement entered into under ORS
 757.072 for later incorporation in rates.

17 Amounts deferred under this provision are not subject to the amortization caps or earnings
18 review set forth in Subsections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 of ORS 757.259.

19 **2. Commission Approval of the Intervenor Funding Agreement**

20 On October 13, 2010, the Commission issued Order No. 10-396 approving the
21 Agreement between Idaho Power and CUB dated September 28, 2010, as modified by the
22 Commission at the public meeting on October 12, 2010. The Agreement is effective from
23 October 15, 2010, until December 31, 2015. The Agreement sets forth the amount of
24 funding available to CUB, the procedures for budget submittals and funding requests by
25 CUB, Commission approval of budget submittals and funding requests, and payment of
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1 the grants by Idaho Power. The Agreement provides that the Commission shall allow
2 Idaho Power to recover all amounts paid under the Agreement and provides for annual
3 amortization of amounts deferred under the Agreement.

4 **C. Proposed Accounting**

5 Idaho Power proposes to record payment of intervenor funding grants in Federal
6 Energy Regulatory Commission Account 182.3, Other Regulatory Assets.

7 **D. Estimate of Amounts**

8 The Company anticipates the maximum amount deferred during each calendar
9 year will be \$60,000—consisting of \$30,000 for the CUB Fund and \$30,000 for the Issue
10 Fund, pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Agreement. Deferred amounts will accrue interest at
11 Idaho Power's authorized rate of return.

12 **E. Notice**

13 A copy of the Notice of Application for Deferred Accounting of Intervenor Funding
14 Grants and a list of persons served with the Notice are attached to the Application
15 pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300 as Attachment A.

16 **III. CONCLUSION**

17 Idaho Power respectfully requests that, consistent with ORS 757.259(3) and Order
18 No. 10-396, the Commission authorize the Company to record and defer intervenor
19 funding grants incurred by the Company pursuant to the Agreement, beginning August 1,
20 2013, and ending July 31, 2014.

21 DATED: July 31, 2013.

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24 LISA D. NORDSTROM
25 Attorney for Idaho Power Company
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Attachment A

**Notice of Application for
Deferred Accounting of Intervenor Funding Grants**

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
DEFERRED ACCOUNTING OF
INTERVENOR FUNDING GRANTS**

On July 31, 2013, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power") filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") for an order authorizing deferral of intervenor funding grants pursuant to ORS 757.259(3), ORS 757.072, and Order No. 10-396.

Approval of Idaho Power's Application will not authorize a change in Idaho Power's rates but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent proceeding.

Idaho Power's Application will be posted on the Commission website for persons who wish to obtain a copy or they may contact the following:

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Any person who wishes to submit written comments to the Commission on Idaho Power's Application must do so no later than August 31, 2013.

DATED: July 31, 2013.



LISA D. NORDSTROM
Attorney for Idaho Power Company

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 **UM 1621(1)**

3 I hereby certify that on July 31, 2013, I served a true and correct copy of Idaho
4 Power Company's Application for Deferred Accounting and Notice of Application for
5 Deferred Accounting of Intervenor Funding Grants on the parties in Docket UE 233 by e-
6 mail to said person(s) as indicated below.

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