

ISSUED: February 7, 2007

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1198

In the Matter of)	
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IDAHO POWER)	
)	INTERROGATORY
Authorization to Defer for Future Rate)	
Recovery Certain Excess Net Power)	
Supply Expenses.)	

**DISPOSITION: INTERROGATORY ISSUED; ANSWERS
REQUESTED BY FEBRUARY 28, 2007**

On January 31, 2007, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power), Commission Staff (Staff), and the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) submitted a settlement, in which they agreed to offset Idaho Power's requested deferral of \$2,889,117 in excess power costs attributable to Oregon customers. However, the parties did not make a recommendation as to whether they consider this amount as prudently incurred. ORS 757.259(5) requires a finding by the Commission that the deferral amount was prudently incurred by the utility before approving amortization of the deferred amount.

Idaho Power, Staff, and CUB should advise the Commission, in writing, as to their recommendation(s) on whether the amount to be deferred, or in this case offset, was prudently incurred. The filing(s) should be submitted by February 28, 2007.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 7th day of February, 2007.

Christina M. Hayes
Administrative Law Judge