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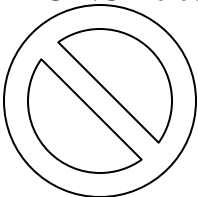
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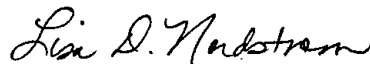
Re: Transmission Updates: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014 Transmission Updates report regarding the Gateway West transmission project developed jointly between PacifiCorp and Idaho Power. Although previously filed as a response to a data request, the Company will now provide the Transmission Updates in a report format per agreement with Staff by email on April 1, 2014. This update provides a description of the developments that transpired 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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## **Idaho Power Company Transmission Updates: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014** **April 9, 2014**

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

### **January – March, 2014:**

In response to the Record of Decision (“ROD”) released by the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) on November 14, 2013, approving eight of the 10 project sub-segments, appeals have been filed by Western Watersheds Project (“WWP”), Reed Land and Cattle Company, and Coalition of Local Governments. Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power (“Companies”) have filed and been given approval to intervene. The Administrative Judge at the Board of Land Appeals has denied WWP’s petition for a stay. The Companies have until May 5, 2014, to respond to the appeals.

During the first quarter of 2014, the Companies supported the work of the BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Council (“RAC”) Subcommittee to identify routing opportunities both within and outside the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey (“SRBOP”) National Conservation Area for sub-segments 8 and 9 of Gateway West. Additional routing opportunities include the Western Electrical Coordinating Council change in separation criteria since the project has been introduced, the ability of the Companies to double-circuit sub-segment 9 with an existing 138 kV transmission line located within the SRBOP, as well as alternate crossings of the Snake River canyon area. The Subcommittee is also reviewing the Companies’ proposed Enhancement Package which aligns with the enabling language and the Resource Management Plan of the SRBOP in allowing transmission facilities to be located within the SRBOP. Components of the Enhancement Package include habitat restoration, purchasing select private property within the SRBOP for the BLM to manage, funding additional law enforcement and educational programs, removal of existing lower-voltage facilities within the SRBOP, and a management fund to cover the management of this package.

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<sup>1</sup> OPUC 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, Staff means any federal, state, and local permitting, regulatory, and other events.

Subcommittee meetings during the 2014 first quarter were held on:

- January 14
- January 16
- February 26
- March 10
- March 18
- March 27

There are three meetings scheduled for the next quarter to be held on April 2, April 18, and April 30, 2014. Once the Subcommittee has completed their work, they will make a recommendation to the full RAC, who will make a recommendation to the BLM. The BLM will then determine what the National Environmental Policy Act process will include in order to provide a ROD on sub-segments 8 and 9.

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, local), regulatory activities or other events are currently being pursued by Idaho Power until the BLM provides its ROD on these two sub-segments.