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Public Utility Commission of Oregon Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, Oregon 97301

> RE: Oregon Advice No. 16-09 Revisions to Rule F – Service Connection and Discontinuance Revisions to Schedule 66 – Miscellaneous Charges

Attention Filing Center:

Per OAR 860-021-0330, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") hereby transmits for filing revisions to Rule F, Service Connection and Discontinuance and to Schedule 66, Miscellaneous Charges. The Company proposes to add a service connection charge for customers where the Company utilizes a remote connect/disconnect meter to connect or reconnect service and clarify the difference between the Remote Service Connection Charge and the Service Connection Charge.

Background

Idaho Power has installed 811 meters to date in its Oregon service area with automated electric service connect/disconnect functionality. The remote connect/disconnect meters were installed at service points that are remote, difficult to access, or had multiple connect/disconnect site visits. Although these meters have been installed, Idaho Power has not utilized the remote disconnect functionality to date because it is not currently able to meet the requirements of OAR 860-021-0405(9)(B) without making system changes. However, Idaho Power will soon begin to make use of the remote connect functionality of these meters (but not the remote disconnect functionality).

Establishing a charge for Remote Service Connection

The Company is seeking authorization from the Public Utility Commission of Oregon to establish a service connection charge for customers where the Company utilizes a remote connect/disconnect meter to connect or reconnect service. Idaho Power proposes a charge of \$13 for all hours of the day and all days of the week for remote connections. The charge for remote connections represents only the costs of Public Utility Commission of Oregon Filing Center May 6, 2016 Page 2

back office operations necessary to reconnect and reestablish service, but does not include any field visit costs. By utilizing the remote connect functionality of the meter, Idaho Power will reduce operating costs associated with reconnect visits and thus reduce upward pressure on rates for all customers.

Proposed Changes to Tariffs

Idaho Power seeks to modify Rule F to clarify when the Remote Service Connection Charge is used as compared to the Service Connection Charge. A modification to Rule F is also proposed to provide examples of what customer actions may trigger a Field Visit Charge.

Idaho Power requests to modify Schedule 66 to add a new charge for Remote Service Connection. In addition, Idaho Power is proposing to include a definition of Company-recognized holidays because the Service Connection Charge is higher during Company-recognized holidays and weekends. Having a definition of Companyrecognized holidays within the tariff schedule provides greater transparency of applicable charges to customers.

The Company respectfully requests that the attached Schedule 66 and Rule F become effective June 8, 2016. If you have any questions regarding this tariff advice filing, please contact Regulatory Analyst Kristy Patteson at (208) 388-2982 or kpatteson@idahopower.com.

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RULE F SERVICE CONNECTION AND DISCONTINUANCE

- 1. Service Connection. Where service at the specified Point of Delivery is currently disconnected from the Company's system, a Service Connection Charge or Remote Service Connection Charge as specified in Schedule 66 will be assessed at the time service is connected. The applicable charge will be billed with the first regular bill. The Service Connection Charge applies to all service connections, except for remote service connections, for both metered and unmetered service. The Remote Service Connection Charge applies only to those service connections where remote capability of reconnection is available and when service is connected remotely.
- 2. Service Discontinuance. At the Customer's request, the Company will disconnect service during normal working hours. There is no charge for discontinuing service.
 - When a Customer requests service be discontinued, service will not be disconnected if another a. party has agreed to accept responsibility for service at the Point of Delivery.
- 3. Termination Practices. The Company's practices relating to Termination of Service are governed by the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) of the Oregon Public Utility Commission, in effect at the time the event occurred which required application of the OAR. If the Company's Rules and Regulations on file with the Oregon Public Utility Commission contain provisions which conflict with the OAR, the provisions of the OAR supersede those included in the Company's Rules and Regulations.
- Field Visit. A Field Visit Charge, as specified in Schedule 66 will be assessed when a Company 4. representative visits a service address intending to disconnect or connect service, but due to Customer action, the Company representative is unable to complete the disconnection or connection at the time of the visit. Examples of Customer action include a) the Customer making a payment at the door, or b) obstructing the Company's access to the Customer's meter or threatening to cause or causing physical harm to the Company representative.
- Unauthorized Reconnection. Where damage to the Company's facilities has occurred due to tampering 5. or where reconnection of service has been made by other than the Company, an Unauthorized Reconnection Charge may be collected as specified in Schedule 66. This charge is not a waiver by the Company of the rights to recover losses due to tampering. In addition to the above-mentioned charge, the Customer receiving service shall be liable for any damage to Company property.

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SCHEDULE 66 MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES (Continued)

RULE F (Continued)

2. <u>Service Connection Charge</u> (Continued)

Schedules 15, 19, 24, 40, 41, 42 Monday through Friday	
7:30 am to 6:00 pm	\$ 40.00
6:01 pm to 9:00 pm	\$ 65.00
9:01 pm to 7:29 am	\$100.00
Company Holidays and Weekends	
7:30 am to 9:00 pm	\$ 65.00
9:01 pm to 7:29 am	\$100.00
3. <u>Remote Service Connection Charge</u>	
All schedules, all days, all times	\$ 13.00

The following is a list of company-recognized holidays and the dates they are observed: New Year's Day (January 1), Martin Luther King Jr. Day (third Monday in January), President's Day (third Monday in February), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (first Monday in September), Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November), and Christmas Day (December 25). When a holiday falls on Saturday the previous Friday will be observed, when a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday will be observed.

4.	Unauthorized Reconnection Charge	\$ 50.00	(T)
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1.	Returned Check Charge	\$ 20.00	
2.	Late Payment Charge (beginning August 31, 2013)	12 percent per annum, Or one percent per month.	
3.	Fractional Period Minimum Billings Schedules 1 and 7 Schedules 9 and 19 Secondary Schedules 9 and 19 Primary & Transmission Schedule 24 Schedule 15 Schedule 40	\$ 3.00 \$ 5.00 \$ 10.00 \$ 3.00 \$ 3.00 \$ 1.50	

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