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Expedited Review Requested

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 P.O. Box 1088 Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Oregon Tariff Advice No. 20-03 – Rule G, Billing

Attention Filing Center:

Pursuant to ORS 757.205 and OAR 860-022-0025, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") herewith transmits for filing the Fifth Revised Sheet No. G-1. This tariff revision seeks to adjust the language in regard to Late Payments, allowing the Company to use its discretion in applying Late Payment Charges consistent with its discretion regarding the disconnection of service in the Oregon Administrative Rules.

To allow Idaho Power to immediately respond to the rapidly changing economic conditions facing its customers in the wake of the spreading COVID-19 virus, Idaho Power respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") allow these tariff changes to become effective as of March 20, 2020. As allowed by ORS 757.220, good cause must be shown for requested changes less than 30 days after the request is filed.¹ Idaho Power considers this tariff revision to be practical based on the changing economic conditions and to be in the best interest of its customers.

Enclosed is tariff Sheet No. G-1, reflecting the above-mentioned revision. Idaho Power respectfully requests the proposed changes are effective upon Commission approval. In the event the Commission's approval and the effective date occur within 30 days, an L.S.N. is also enclosed.

¹ ORS 757.220 states "the commission, for good cause shown, may allow changes without requiring the 30 days' notice by filing an order specifying the changes to be made and the time when they shall take effect."

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If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Christina Zwainz at (208) 388-6106 or czwainz@idahopower.com.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

RULE G BILLINGS

- 1. Fractional Periods. When the Customer's Billing Period is less than 27 days or greater than 36 days, the Energy Charge for service under Schedules 1, 5, 7, 9, 19, or 24 the Energy Charge will be calculated using actual meter readings. The Energy Charge for services provided under Schedule 40 will be determined using the daily kWh calculated on the basis of load size and number of units served multiplied by the actual number of days since the account was opened or since the previous billing, where appropriate. The proration of the applicable Demand Charge, Basic Charge, Facilities Charge, and Service Charge specified in the appropriate schedule will be calculated by dividing the charge by 30 and multiplying the result by the actual number of days since the account was opened or since the previous meter reading, where appropriate. However, the prorated Service Charge for Schedules 1, 5, 7, 9, 19, or 24 or the Minimum Charge for Schedule 40, will be no less than the amount specified in Schedule 66. For Schedule 15, the proration of the applicable Monthly Charge will be calculated by dividing the charge by 30 and multiplying the result by the actual number of days since the account was opened or the previous billing, where appropriate; however, in no event will the charge be less than the Fractional Period Minimum Billings amount specified in Schedule 66.
- 2. <u>Corrected Billings</u>. Whenever it is determined that a Customer was incorrectly billed, the Customer may be rebilled the correct amount as described in OAR 860-021-0135. The Company may not bill for services provided more than three years for over-billed amounts and no more than two years for under-billed amounts before the date the Company discovered the billing error. The corrected billings will not exceed a 12-month period from the date the last incorrect bill was issued.
 - For under-billed amounts, the Company shall provide written notice to the Customer detailing the circumstances, time period, and the adjustment amount of the underbilling. If an underbilling occurs, the Company will offer and enter into reasonable payment arrangements with the Customer. The Customer shall be notified in writing of the opportunity for time payments and of the Commission's dispute resolution process. For any overbillings, the Customer will have the choice of a refund or a credit on future bills.
- 3. <u>Due Dates</u>. The Company's practices relating to Due Dates 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.
- 4. <u>Returned Checks</u>. Checks or payments remitted by Customers in payment of bills are accepted conditionally. A Returned Check Charge, as specified in Schedule 66, will be assessed the Customer for handling each check or payment upon which payment has been refused by the bank.
- 5. <u>Late Payments</u>. Beginning August 31, 2013, a Late Payment Charge, as provided in Schedule 66, may be levied against any unpaid account that is not paid in full each month, except for accounts of agencies of the State of Oregon as described below. All payments received by the subsequent month's billing date will apply to the Customer's account prior to calculating the Late Payment Charge. Payments will satisfy the oldest portion of the billing first and the current portion of the billing last. A Late Payment Charge will not be applied to a Residential account with a Time Payment Agreement or a Budget Pay Plan that is current.

Late Payment Charges to agencies of the State of Oregon will follow provisions of Oregon Code §293.462. Any state agency that claims that it falls within the provisions of Oregon Code §293.462 must notify Idaho Power Company in writing of such claim.

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LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE APPLICATION

This document may be electronically filed by sending it as an attachment to an electronic mail message addressed to the Commission's Filing Center at puc.filingcenter@state.or.us.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) UTILITY L.S.N. APPLICATION	
Idaho Power Company) NO.	
(UTILITY COMPANY)) (LEAVE BLANK)	
TO WAIVE STATUTORY NOTICE.)	
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 GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) ADDITION, DELETION, OR CHANGE. (SCHEDULE INCLUDES ALL RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SAME) Change the word "will" to "may" in regard to the levying of late payment charges in Rule G - Billings. 		
2. APPLICANT DESIRES TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE(S) NOV REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE, AND ITEM) Fourth Revised Sheet No. G-1	V ON FILE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS:	(INSERT SCHEDULE
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4. REASONS FOR REQUESTING A WAIVER OF STATUTORY NOTICE: Idaho Power Company is submitting this L.S.N, for Advice No. 20-03 because the tariff sheet G-1 to the advice filing is being provided less than 30 days between the date of the filing and the requested effective date. In response to COVID-19, Idaho Power seeks the ability to suspend the billing of Late Payment Charges. The Company seeks to waive the statuatory notice to implement this change as soon as possible.		
5. REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE(S):		
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