

ORDER NO. 01-491

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**OF OREGON**

UE 123

In the Matter of the Request of IDAHO )  
POWER COMPANY to Modify Effective ) ORDER  
Date of Rate Increase Approved by )  
Order No. 01-408. )

DISPOSITION: APPLICATION APPROVED;  
ORDER NO. 01-408 AMENDED

On May 29 and 31, 2001, Idaho Power Company filed Advice No. 01-05A with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) requesting the Commission approve an application to Waive Statutory Notice and delay the implementation of the approved rate increase authorized in Order No. 01-408 until June 18, 2001. The basis for the current request is detailed in Staff's recommendation memo, attached as Appendix A.

At its public meeting on June 15, 2001, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that Idaho Power's application to Waive Statutory Notice is approved. Order No. 01-408 is amended to allow the proposed tariff sheets in Advice No. 01-5A to become effective with service on and after June 18, 2001.

Made, entered, and effective \_\_\_\_\_.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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**Vikie Bailey-Goggins**  
Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements of OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070. A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON**

**STAFF REPORT**

**PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 15, 2001**

**REGULAR AGENDA X CONSENT AGENDA    EFFECTIVE DATE June 18, 2001**

**DATE:** June 4, 2001

**TO:** Phil Nyegaard through Lee Sparling

**FROM:** Ed Busch

**SUBJECT:** Idaho Power Company, Docket UE 123, Advice No. 01-05A  
Request to Modify Effective Date of Rate Increase Approved by  
Order No. 01-408.

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Commission approve Idaho Power's application to Waive Statutory Notice and amend Order No. 01-408 to allow the proposed tariff sheets in Advice No. 01-5A to become effective with service on and after June 18, 2001.

**DISCUSSION:**

On April 18, 2001, Idaho Power Company filed an Application to implement tariff schedules increasing its Oregon revenues by \$774,950. (Advice No. 01-5, Docket UE 123). The purpose of the revised tariffs was to allow Idaho Power Company to begin amortizing a portion of its excess net power supply costs deferred under the mechanism the Commission approved in Order No. 01-307; that deferred accounting approval is for the twelve months beginning January 1, 2001.<sup>1</sup> The Commission approved Idaho Power's tariff sheets in Advice No. 01-5 at its May 1, 2001 public meeting. The Commission issued Order No. 01-408 approving the application and requiring that a hearing be scheduled and the rates are subject to refund.

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<sup>1</sup> [Under the provisions of the deferred accounting statute, ORS 757.259\(6\), annual rate recovery of deferred amounts is limited to \\$774,950, or 3% of the company's 2000 gross revenues in Oregon of \\$25.8 million.](#)

Following the Commission's approval of the tariff sheets in Advice No. 01-5, the company found that letters to its customers informing them of Idaho Power's rate request and the date and time of the May 1, 2001 public meeting had not been mailed when scheduled and therefore were not received until after the public meeting.

Accordingly, by applications dated May 29 and 31, 2001, Idaho Power filed Advice No. 01-05A and requests the Commission delay the implementation of the rate increase authorized in Order No. 01-408 until June 18, 2001. This delay enables the company to re-notify its customers of the proposed rate change and allows them the opportunity to provide comments to the Commission for its consideration at the June 15, 2001 public meeting. Customer bills for which the rate increase was included (bills between May 4 and May 15) will be adjusted to remove the charge.

Except for the revised effective date, the tariffs in Advice No. 01-05A are identical to the tariffs approved by Order No. 01-408. As approved in the original filing, the proposed tariffs in Advice No. 01-05A would recover \$774,950 on an equal cents/kWh basis for forecast kWh sales for the twelve months ending December 2001 from all standard tariff customers.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Commission approve Idaho Power's application to Waive Statutory Notice and amend Order No. 01-408 to allow the proposed tariff sheets in Advice No. 01-5A to become effective with service on and after June 18, 2001.