

ORDER NO. 03-350

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 595

In the Matter of)	
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IDAHO POWER COMPANY)	ORDER
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Application for Reauthorization to Defer)	
Accounting Costs Associated with)	
Conservation Programs.)	

DISPOSITION: REAUTHORIZATION APPROVED

At its Public Meeting on June 3, 2003, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to approve reauthorization of deferred accounting for costs associated with Idaho Power Company's conservation programs. Staff's recommendation is attached as Appendix A and is incorporated by reference.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that reauthorization of deferred accounting for amounts related to Idaho Power Company's Conservation Program costs, for a 12-month period beginning July 1, 2003, as described in Appendix A, is granted.

Made, entered and effective _____.

BY THE COMMISSION:

BECKY L. BEIER
 Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. 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 3, 2003**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2003

DATE: May 14, 2003

TO: John Savage through Lee Sparling and Ed Busch

FROM: Ed Krantz

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER COMPANY: (Docket No. UM 595) Requests reauthorization to defer conservation program costs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Commission approve reauthorization of Idaho Power Company's (Idaho Power or company) deferrals of conservation program costs for a 12-month period beginning July 1, 2003.

DISCUSSION:

Idaho Power initially requested deferred accounting treatment for cost recovery mechanisms used in connection with certain system-wide conservation programs in June 1993. The Commission approved the company's deferred accounting request and issued Order No. 93-1198 authorizing the deferral for the 12 months ending June 30, 1994. Subsequently, the Commission reauthorized conservation related deferrals, each year, through June 30. Current Commission authorization extends through June 30, 2003.

The account is subject to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, and the Commission may authorize deferred accounts for periods of 12 months or less. As a result, the deferrals will cease on June 30, 2003, unless the Commission reauthorizes the process. Staff recommends the Commission allow Idaho Power to continue the deferred accounting for its conservation program expenditures as previously authorized.

The company estimates its Oregon share of system-wide conservation cost deferrals for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2004, will be approximately \$61,940.

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Idaho Power proposes to record the cost deferrals in FERC Account 182.3, Other Deferred Assets.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Idaho Power Company's deferred accounting reauthorization of conservation program costs be approved for a 12-month period beginning July 1, 2003.

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