BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

Application for Acknowledgement of February 2009 Addendum to its 2006 Integrated Resource Plan.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION GRANTED

On February 5, 2009, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power) filed an Application to Include the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line (B2H) in its Acknowledged 2006 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). A prehearing conference was held on March 16, 2009, at which time a schedule was established and a number of petitioners were made party to the proceedings. Public Comment Open Houses were held in Ontario, Oregon, and Baker City, Oregon, on March 26 and March 27, 2009, respectively.

By Ruling of April 13, 2009, the Administrative Law Judge granted Idaho Power's request that the schedule in this case be suspended and the proceedings held in abeyance. As noted in the Ruling, "Idaho Power asserts that, in light of recent developments, it wishes to consider its options in the manner in which it may proceed with this docket. To ensure that no party is prejudiced by the suspension, Idaho Power explicitly waived the six-month suspension period requirement for review by the Commission Staff for a period of time equal to the time these proceedings are held in abeyance."

By Order No. 09-183, in docket UM 1428 entered May 26, 2009, the Commission approved Idaho Power's request to delay the 2009 IRP, due to the need to update and analyze load information.

On June 16, 2009, pursuant to OAR-860-013-0031, Idaho Power filed a Motion to Withdraw its February 5, 2009, Application. In support of its Motion, Idaho Power notes that the original 2013 projected in-service date for the project has now been extended to 2015 and that a "comprehensive public process to consider alternative

routes" is underway. Accordingly, "this delay will provide the Company the additional time to perform an updated analysis of the B2H Project using current load forecasts, and to include the project in the 2009 IRP as an uncommitted resource."

Discussion. We find that Idaho Power has demonstrated good and sufficient cause for withdrawing the instant Application and that granting its Motion will further the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

ORDER

The Motion to Withdraw Idaho Power Company's Application to Include the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line in its Acknowledged 2006 Integrated Resource Plan is GRANTED.

Made, entered and effective

JUN 2 5 2009

Ray Baum
Commissioner

John Savage
Commissioner

¹ Motion, pp. 1-2.