

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF IDAHO )  
POWER COMPANY'S 2004 ELECTRIC ) CASE NO. IPC-E-04-18  
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP). )  
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) NOTICE OF COMMENT  
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) ORDER NO. 29614  
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On August 27, 2004, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power", "Company") filed its 2004 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with the Commission. The Company's filing is pursuant to a biennial requirement established in Commission Order No. 22299, Case No. U-1500-165. The IRP describes the Company's growing customer base, load growth, supply-side resources and demand-side management. Additionally, the 88-page IRP document and related appendices contain information regarding available resource options, planning period forecasts, potential resource portfolios, risk analyses, a ten-year resource plan, and a near-term action plan. Idaho Power requests that the Commission issue an Order accepting and acknowledging the Company's 2004 IRP and finding that the 2004 IRP meets both the procedural and substantive requirements of Order No. 22299. In this Notice, the Commission establishes a lengthy review period and written comment deadlines.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the complete 2004 IRP consists of five separate documents: the IRP document, an Economic Forecast, a Sales and Load Forecast, a Demand-Side Management Annual Report, and a Technical Appendix.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power worked with representatives of major stakeholders for almost a year to develop the 2004 IPR. Members of the environmental community, major industrial customers, irrigation representatives, state legislatures, Commission representatives, the Governor's office, and others formed the Integrated Resource Plan Advisory Council (IRPAC) and made significant contributions to the Plan. The Company also solicited

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and received presentations from anaerobic digestion generation project developers, geothermal generation project developers, wind generation project developers, and DSM advocates. To obtain public input, the Company made “live” presentations of the draft IRP throughout its Idaho and Oregon service territory, with public meetings in Pocatello, Twin Falls, Boise and Ontario, Oregon.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the 2004 IRP places a greater emphasis on conservation and demand reduction options than the 2002 IRP. Following a risk analysis of 12 resource portfolios, Idaho Power selected a diversified portfolio with nearly equal amounts of renewable generation and traditional thermal generation as the preferred resource portfolio. It contains nearly equal amounts of renewable generation and traditional generation as well as demand response and energy efficiency programs. The selected portfolio will increase the Company’s power supply by approximately 800 aMW and increase the capacity of the system by almost 940 MW over the planning horizon. Of this increase, 124 MW are achieved through demand-side management (DSM). More specifically, the balanced portfolio selected for this plan is composed of:

- 76 MW Demand Response Programs (DSM)
- 48 MW Energy Efficiency Programs (DSM)
- 350 MW Wind-Powered Generation
- 100 MW Geothermal-Powered Generation
- 48 MW Combined Heat and Power at Customer Facilities
- 88 MW Simple-Cycle Natural Gas Fired Combustion Turbines
- 62 MW Combustion Turbine, Distributed Generation, or Market Purchases
- 500 MW Coal-Fired Generation

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power’s IRP is based on an expected increase in households within its service territory from 320,000 today to over 380,000 by the end of the planning period in 2013.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in light of public input and regulatory support of the 2002 IPR planning criteria, Idaho Power continues to emphasize a resource plan based upon a worse-than-median (70<sup>th</sup> percentile) water conditions.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the 2004 IRP presented in this filing is the Company's best current estimate of future loads and sets forth how the Company intends to serve the electrical requirements of its native load customers over the next ten years. While the proposed resource portfolio represents current resource acquisition targets, the actual resource portfolio may differ from the outlined quantities and types depending on many factors, including the response Idaho Power receives from various Requests for Proposals that it intends to issue to acquire new renewable and DSM resources. The 2004 IRP includes a near-term action plan that sets out specific actions to be taken by Idaho Power Company prior to the next IRP in 2006.

**NOTICE OF COMMENT DEADLINES**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the Company's filing in Case No. IPC-E-04-18 and finds it reasonable to require written comments concerning Idaho Power's IRP to be filed with the Commission by **no later than December 3, 2004**. Written comments concerning this filing shall be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at [www.puc.state.id.us](http://www.puc.state.id.us). Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power Company shall have until **December 23, 2004** to file a written response to any comments, if it so desires.


YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power's IRP Filing can be viewed online at [www.puc.state.id.us](http://www.puc.state.id.us) by clicking on "File Room" and "Electric Cases," or it can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and Idaho Power Company located at 1221 West Idaho Street in Boise, Idaho (388-2200).

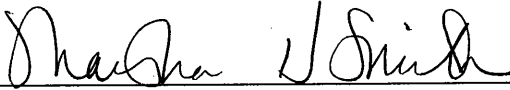
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter and Idaho Power Company, an electric utility, pursuant to the authority and power granted under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure and the foregoing schedule be adopted.

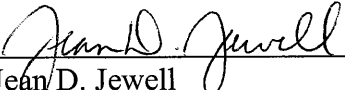
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of October 2004.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
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DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Commission Secretary

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