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Idaho Power submits power sales agreement with Gooding area hydroelectric facility

BOISE (Sept. 25, 2015) – Idaho Power Company is asking state regulators to accept or reject a proposed power sales agreement between it and the developer of a 1.3-megawatt hydroelectric project near Gooding.

The proposed project, North Gooding Main Hydro LLC, is a seasonal hydroelectric project designed to deliver energy to Idaho Power from April through October. The developer is Ted Sorenson of Idaho Falls.

The project is a qualifying facility under the provisions of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. PURPA requires utilities to buy output from qualifying renewable projects at an “avoided-cost rate,” or the rate the utility avoids by not having to generate the power itself or buy it from another source.

Before North Gooding can deliver energy it must complete a Generation Interconnection Agreement to interconnect the project into Idaho Power’s electric grid. That agreement is expected to be signed by May 1, 2016, and the projected operational date is April 1, 2017.

The proposed contract is for 20 years at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission’s published avoided cost rate. The proposed all-hours energy price is \$85.54 per megawatt-hour. The price is adjusted slightly to account for different seasons of the year and light and heavy load hours of the day. Should the project fail to meet at least 55% of its projected output for June through August, it would be paid the non-seasonal rate of \$71.22 per MWh, with overpaid amounts credited to Idaho Power. If the project fails to meet 55% of projected output for three years of a five-year test period, it will be reclassified as a non-seasonal facility and be paid the lower non-seasonal rate.

The commission is taking comment on the application through Oct. 13. Comments may be filed electronically via the commission’s website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on “Case Comment

Form,” under the “Consumers” heading and type in the case number, IPC-E-15-24. Comments can also be FAXed to 334-3762 or mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID, 83720-0074.

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