## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	
OF ATLANTA POWER COMPANY FOR AN	)	CASE NO. ATL-E-08-02
ORDER AUTHORIZING INCREASES IN	)	
THE COMPANY'S RATES AND CHARGES	Ó	NOTICE OF
FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN THE STATE	)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
OF IDAHO	)	(EMERGENCY SURCHARGE)
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On May 1, 2008, Atlanta Power Company (Atlanta Power; Company) filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting a general rate increase in the Company's basic tariff rates for electric service together with a request for an emergency surcharge. Atlanta Power operates pursuant to Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 236. Atlanta Power is located in Elmore County and provides electric service to approximately 75 residential and commercial customers in Atlanta.

On May 20, 2008, the Commission issued a Notice of the Company's Application.

## **Emergency Surcharge**

Atlanta Power, as part of its Application, requests that the Commission declare an emergency and approve a surcharge on existing rates of 54.2% for an effective date of June 1, 2008.

By way of background, Atlanta Power states the following:

 By Order No. 30417 dated August 29, 2007 in Case No. ATL-E-07-01, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission authorized the Company to defer on its accounting records the extraordinary costs incurred in the year 2007 associated with the failure of Atlanta Power's hydroelectric turbine. That

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE (EMERGENCY SURCHARGE) NOTICE OF STAFF REPORT DEADLINE NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMPANY REPLY DEADLINE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Order recognized that the Company would be filing additional applications seeking recovery of the deferred extraordinary costs.

By Order No. 30511 dated March 3, 2008 in Case No. ATL-E-08-01, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission authorized the Company to incur debt in the amount of \$110,000. The Order recognized the need for the Company to acquire cash to pay the extraordinary costs deferred pursuant to Order No. 30417. Atlanta Power has determined that its loan repayment obligations including loans from the Company's owners require monthly payments of \$3,088.66 per month for the first 12 months and \$2,206.01 per month for an additional 72 months. To fully recover these repayment obligations over the term of the two notes comprising the \$110,000 incurred indebtedness, Atlanta Power contends that the Company requires a surcharge on current rates of 54.2% for the first year and 38.71% for the remaining six years (or a surcharge of 33.74% for the first year and 24.1% for the remaining six years at the tariff rates proposed in the Company's Application).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. ATL-E-08-02. The Commission finds that exigent circumstances exist to expedite procedure in the matter of the Company's request for an emergency surcharge. The Commission has preliminarily found that the public interest regarding the Company's request for an emergency surcharge may not require a technical hearing to consider the issues presented and that issues raised by the Company's Application and request for emergency surcharge may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff has informed the Commission that it will be prepared to file a report and recommendation with the Commission regarding the Company's request for an emergency surcharge by June 5, 2008. Accordingly, the Commission hereby establishes a June 5, 2008 deadline for the filing by Commission Staff of its report on the Company's request for an emergency surcharge.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the deadline for filing written comments or protests by customers with respect to the Company's request for an emergency surcharge and the Commission's use of Modified Procedure on this issue and the deadline for Company reply comments to Staff report is Wednesday, June 11, 2008.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission takes notice of the customer comments already filed in this case and the request of many for a hearing. The Commission will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of taking public comment and testimony on the Company's request for an emergency surcharge on THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008, COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE COMMISSION HEARING ROOM, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.

The Commission's choice of the Boise hearing location recognizes the nature of the emergency relief requested by the Company, the remoteness of the Atlanta community, and the calendaring constraints of the Commission in scheduling a hearing on such short notice. A workshop conducted by Commission Staff and a technical hearing on the Company's full Application including a revisiting of the Company's request for an emergency surcharge will be scheduled at a location in Atlanta later this year.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the deadlines established above, the Commission may consider the matter of the Company's request for an emergency surcharge on its merits and may enter its Order without a formal technical hearing. If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for technical hearing or may decide the matter and issue its Order based on the record of public testimony and written positions before it. Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. ATL-E-08-02 should be mailed to the Commission and Atlanta Power Company at the addresses reflected below.

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All 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 <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. 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 Atlanta Power at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application in Case No. ATL-E-08-02 may be viewed at <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a> by clicking on "File Room" and "Electric Cases," or can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 W. Washington Street, Boise, Idaho.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this

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day of May 2008.

MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT

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