# BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CASE NO. IPC-E-06-4
CASE NO. AVU-E-06-2
CASE NO. PAC-E-06-2
NOTICE OF PETITIONS
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MODIFIED PROCEDURE
ORDER NO. 30009

On February 28, 2006, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power") filed a Petition seeking relief from the requirements of Order No. 28804, as it applies to Idaho Power. Order No. 28804 requires Idaho Power, Avista Corporation ("Avista") and PacifiCorp dba Utah Power & Light ("PacifiCorp") to file biennial cost information-unbundling reports with the Commission. On March 10, 2006, Avista filed a similar Petition, asking for relief from the filing requirements of Order No. 28804 as it applies to Avista. On March 10, 2006, PacifiCorp also filed a similar Petition, asking for relief from the filing requirements of Order No. 28804 as it applies to PacifiCorp.

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## **NOTICE OF PETITIONS**

Order No. 28804 was issued by the Commission on August 15, 2001. Under this Order, Idaho Power, Avista and PacifiCorp are obligated to file biennial cost reports that include, *inter alia*, unbundled cost information<sup>1</sup> at the actual earned rate of return and not adjusted to authorized return levels, as well as the actual earned rate of return for each customer class.

In its Petition, Idaho Power states that it intends to regularly file general rate actions with the Commission that would enable the Commission to routinely examine its costs. Idaho Power believes that these more frequent rate case filings will allow the Commission and its Staff the opportunity to review Idaho Power's costs in greater detail than afforded in the biennial cost reports.

PacifiCorp similarly states in its Petition that it anticipates that regular rate case actions will be needed in the future, and that such rate case filings will afford the Commission and its Staff the opportunity to review PacifiCorp's costs. It further states that in addition to the review allowed by rate case filings, the Commission and its Staff receive PacifiCorp's annual results of operations. PacifiCorp will file these results for the 10 years following the Commission's ratification of the Revised Protocol, PacifiCorp's interjurisdictional cost allocation methodology.

Avista states that given the anticipated frequency with which it intends to file general rate cases, it believes the Commission and its Staff will continue to have access to Avista's costs through the cost of service studies that are part of the rate cases.

#### NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings in Case Nos. IPC-E-06-4, AVU-E-06-2, and PAC-E-06-2 and has found that present issues are related and that the rights of the parties will not be prejudiced and that these matters should be consolidated for hearing. Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.247.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Such information, as determined by *Idaho Code* § 61-338 [repealed], includes "such cost information . . . consisting, at a minimum, of generation, transmission and distribution services and including such other categories as the Commission may require." Order No. 28804.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider these matters on their merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

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#### NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case Nos. IPC-E-06-4, AVU-E-06-2 and PAC-E-06-2. The Commission has preliminarily found that the public interest in these matters may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that issues raised by the Companies' filings may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the deadline for filing written comments or protests with respect to Idaho Power's, Avista's and/or PacifiCorp's Petitions and the use of Modified Procedure in Case Nos. IPC-E-06-4, AVU-E-06-2 and PAC-E-06-2 is twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Order.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case Nos. IPC-E-06-4, AVU-E-06-2 and PAC-E-06-2 should be mailed to the Commission and the Companies at the addresses reflected below.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in these cases will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* § 61-624. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in these matters will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that these Petitions be consolidated for hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these cases be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments regarding these cases or protesting the use of Modified Procedure should do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $30^{++}$  day of March 2006.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

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