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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S PETITION TO MODIFY TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROSPECTIVE PURPA ENERGY SALES AGREEMENTS CASE NO. IPC-E-15-01

PETITION OF SIERRA CLUB TO INTERVENE AND JOIN PARTIES WITH IDAHO CONSERVATION LEAGUE

Pursuant to IDAPA 31.01.01.042, Sierra Club hereby submits this petition to intervene and to join parties with Idaho Conservation League ("ICL") in the above captioned matter. On February 4, 2015, ICL requested leave to intervene in the above captioned matter pursuant to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-073. On February 6, 2015, in the Commission's Notice of Petition and Notice of Intervention Deadline, Order No. 33222, the Commission granted ICL's intervention. Sierra Club and ICL share many strategic goals and interests and believe it would be most efficient for all parties and the Commission, for Sierra Club to appear and join parties with ICL.

 Sierra Club is a national, non-profit environmental and conservation organization incorporated under the laws of the State of California. The Sierra Club is dedicated to the protection of public health and the environment. Sierra Club submits this notice to appear and join parties with ICL on behalf of itself and nearly 2,400 Sierra Club members who live and purchase utility services in Idaho, many of whom are residential customers of Idaho Power. The name and address of Sierra Club is:

> Sierra Club 85 Second Street. 2nd Floor San Francisco, CA 94105

- 2. Sierra Club's Idaho members have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. Idaho Power's January 30, 2015 Application with the Commission seeks to drastically alter terms and conditions of prospective PURPA energy sales agreements by reducing contract length from twenty to two years. Such a change would have a detrimental impact to additional solar deployment in Idaho and limit the environmental, health and economic benefits of decarbonization of the energy system. This proceeding therefore has environment, health and economic consequences for Sierra Club members who are customers of Idaho Power. These Sierra Club members have a right to participate in this proceeding to inform the Commission of their interests, both environmental and economic, that relate to the impacts of modifying prospective PURPA energy sales agreements.
- 3. Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign seeks rapid replacement of fossil-fueled generating units with cleaner forms of energy to eliminate or reduce global climate change emissions, reduce utility bills, and generate renewable energy. Sierra Club's work includes advocating for the implementation of robust incentive programs that assist its members and utility consumers generally to generate their own renewable energy and increase energy efficiency. The Sierra Club's work includes intervening in dockets at public utility commissions nationwide, submitting comments in numerous state and federal agency energy-related proceedings and rulemakings, attending and speaking at public hearings, speaking to students and civic and other organizations, and holding seminars and symposia all in support of policies to reduce the impact of climate change and other air pollution by promoting clean energy alternatives and energy efficiency.

Sierra Club members have worked tirelessly to promote clean energy alternatives and energy efficiency measures.

- 4. Sierra Club has a specific interest in this docket because its members who live within Idaho Power's service territory are ratepayers and have a pecuniary and tangible interest in the outcome of the proceeding. Sierra Club members have a direct interest in ensuring fair, accurate rates and charges for clean energy sources in order to foster clean energy development in Idaho Power's service territory. Sierra Club is concerned that the proposed change is needlessly draconian and fails to consider solutions that will allow continued growth of solar in Idaho.
- 5. Sierra Club and ICL were both recently parties in IPC-E-14-18, In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application to Implement Solar Integration Rates and Charges, which ultimately resulted in a settlement. In assessing this proceeding, Sierra Club and ICL determined that joint participation would be more efficient.
- By joining parties with ICL, Sierra Club will not unduly broaden the issues or delay the proceeding because Sierra Club's interest is directly related to the subjects addressed in Idaho Power's application.
- 7. Sierra Club's involvement with ICL in this proceeding will not be duplicative of other parties in this proceeding because no other party adequately represents Sierra Club's interests. In fact, joining with ICL is intended to avoid what otherwise would be duplication of efforts.
- 8. Sierra Club and ICL request that all future pleadings, correspondence, discovery, and other documents be served on the following:

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WHEREFORE, Sierra Club respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order

granting Sierra Club's permission to intervene in this matter and to join parties with ICL.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2015

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of February, 2015, I caused to be served, via e-mail,

a true and correct copy of the foregoing PETITION TO INTERVENE to the following persons

via the method of service noted:

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