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### BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TO ITS CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO.

) CASE NO. IPC-E-11-08

### IDAHO POWER COMPANY

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

DARLENE NEMNICH

1 0. Please state your name and business address. 2 Α. My name is Darlene Nemnich. My business 3 address is 1221 West Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho. 4 0. By whom are you employed and in what capacity? 5 I am employed by Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Α. 6 Power" or "Company") as a Senior Regulatory Analyst. 7 Please describe your educational background. 0. 8 Α. In May of 1979, I received a Bachelor of Arts 9 degree in Business Administration with emphases in Finance 10 and Economics from the College of Idaho. In addition, I 11 have attended the electric utility ratemaking course 12 offered through New Mexico State University's Center for 13 Public Utilities as well as various other ratemaking 14 courses sponsored by the Edison Electric Institute. 15 Q. Please describe your work experience with 16 Idaho Power. 17 Α. In 1982, I was hired as an analyst in the 18 Resource Planning Department. My primary duties were the 19 calculation of avoided costs for cogeneration and small 20 power production contracts and the calculation of costs of 21 future generation resource options. In 1989, I moved to 22 the Energy Services Department where I performed economic, 23 financial, and statistical analyses to determine the cost-24 effectiveness of demand-side management programs. I stayed in that general area designing, implementing, and 25

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1 evaluating programs until 2000, when I was promoted to Energy Efficiency Coordinator. In that capacity, I 2 coordinated the Company's effort to grow customer programs 3 4 and education in energy efficiency promotion. I was 5 responsible for complying with regulatory and financial 6 requirements in the area of energy efficiency. In 2003, I was promoted to Energy Efficiency Leader where I managed 7 8 the Company's demand-side management effort, including 9 strategic planning, design and development of programs, 10 regulatory compliance, and overall management of the 11 In 2006, I left the Company to pursue personal department. 12 opportunities. In April 2008, I returned to the Company as 13 a Senior Regulatory Analyst in the Regulatory Affairs 14 Department. My duties as Senior Regulatory Analyst include 15 the development of alternative pricing structures, analysis of the impact on customers of rate design changes, and the 16 17 administration of the Company's tariffs.

18 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this 19 matter?

A. My testimony will address the Company's rate design proposals for residential customers taking service under Schedules 1, 3, 4, and 5.

Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits?
A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibits
relating to residential rate design:

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1 Exhibit Description 2 Exhibit No. 45 Calculation of Proposed Rates 3 Exhibit No. 46 Typical Monthly Billing 4 Comparison 5 Ο. What are your overall objectives in arriving 6 at the proposed rate design? 7 Α. As indicated in Mr. Michael J. Youngblood's 8 testimony, the Company's two primary objectives with regard 9 to rate design are to establish prices that primarily 10 reflect the costs of the services provided and to provide 11 customers with cost-based price signals designed to align 12 with and encourage the efficient use of energy. 13 Q. What are the Company's Residential Service 14 schedules? 15 Α. The Company has four Residential Service 16 schedules, Schedules 1, 3, 4, and 5. Schedule 1 is 17 available to all customers taking service for general 18 domestic use. Schedule 3 is available only to master-19 metered mobile home parks included on the Company's list of 20 "grandfathered" mobile home parks. 21 Schedule 4, the Energy Watch Program, is a critical 22 peak pricing rate option, and Schedule 5, the Time-of-Day 23 Program, is a time-of-use rate option. Both Schedules 4 24 and 5 are optional time-variant pricing options and are 25 currently available only to residential customers in the

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1 Emmett Valley area who have Advanced Metering

2 Infrastructure equipment installed.

3 Q. What is the annual revenue requirement to be 4 recovered from Residential Service customers?

A. The annual revenue requirement to be recovered from all Residential Service customers, which includes Schedules 1, 3, 4, and 5, is \$412,939,501, as shown in Mr. Larkin's Exhibit No. 38. This is an overall increase for the residential class of 8.83 percent.

Q. What are the changes that the Company is proposing to the current rate design for Residential Service?

For all of the residential tariffs, the 13 Α. 14 Company is adjusting each of the billing components to move 15 closer to its cost of service and recover the revenue assigned to each class. This includes a proposal to 16 17 increase the Service Charge from the existing \$4.00 per 18 customer per month to \$5.00 for all residential schedules. 19 Also, for the Company's critical peak pricing and time-of-20 day residential schedules, Schedules 4 and 5, respectively, 21 the Company is proposing modifications to the rate design 22 in order to provide continuity with the Company's future 23 plans for residential time variant pricing.

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I. <u>SCHEDULE 1</u>
Q. Please describe the present rate structure for
Residential Service under Schedule 1.
A. Residential Service customers taking service
under Schedule 1 pay a monthly Service Charge of \$4.00.
Schedule 1 currently includes a three-tiered inverted block
Energy Charge rate for each of two seasons, summer and non-
summer. The summer season includes the months of June,
July and August and the non-summer season includes all
other months of the year. During the summer season,
customers pay a base Energy Charge of 7.1026 cents per
kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for the first 800 kWh of energy used,
8.6530 cents per kWh for energy used between 801 and 2000
kWh, and 10.3836 cents per kWh for all additional kWh over
2000 each month. During the non-summer season, they pay an
Energy Charge of 6.6259 cents per kWh for the first 800 kWh
of energy used, 7.3621 cents per kWh for energy used
between 801 and 2000 kWh, and 8.4662 cents per kWh for all
additional kWh over 2000 each month.
Q. Please describe the Company's proposal to
increase the Service Charge.
A. The Service Charge is intended to recover
costs that do not vary with the amount of energy or
capacity used. This includes the investments in the

25 service line and meter as well as billing costs.

NEMNICH, DI 5 Idaho Power Company 1 Historically, the Service Charge has been well below the unit cost, meaning that the Service Charge, from a cost-of-2 3 service standpoint, has under-collected the customer-4 related fixed costs associated with this rate component. 5 Consistent with the Company's rate design objective to move the individual rate components closer to the cost of 6 7 providing electric service, the Company is proposing to increase the Service Charge to \$5.00 per month. 8

9 Q. How does the proposed \$5.00 Service Charge 10 compare with the cost-of-service results?

A. The \$5.00 per month Service Charge represents approximately 24 percent of the cost-of-service result of \$20.94 shown at line 60 on page one of Mr. Matthew T. Larkin's Exhibit No. 36.

15 Q. How long has this Service Charge been \$4.00 16 per month?

17 Α. The \$4.00 Service Charge amount has been 18 unchanged for the Company's Idaho customers for five years, 19 since June 2006. During that time, the Company's cost-ofservice studies have always resulted in a service charge 20 21 unit cost greater than the \$4.00 amount. Because the 22 Service Charge has remained at the same level, the 23 additional fixed costs are being recovered through the 24 volumetric rate, the Energy Charge. This has resulted in 25 overall rate design for residential schedules that is

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1 consistently misaligned with cost-of-service values, which 2 in turn sends distorted price signals to customers. This 3 misalignment of costs in rate components increases intra-4 class subsidies, causing some customers to pay more than 5 the cost to serve them, and some customers to pay less than 6 the cost to serve them.

Q How does your proposal to increase the Service
Charge to \$5.00 compare with service charges of other
utilities in Idaho?

10 A. The other two investor-owned utilities in the 11 state have similar charges currently set at \$5.00 per 12 month. Avista Corporation has a \$5.00 Basic Charge for its 13 residential service customers in Idaho and Rocky Mountain 14 Power has a \$5.00 Customer Service Charge for its 15 residential service customers in Idaho.

16 Q. Is the Company proposing any changes to the 17 design of the Energy Charge rate for Schedule 1?

18 Α. The Company is proposing to maintain the No. 19 three-tier inverted block rate Energy Charge structure for 20 both the summer and non-summer seasons and to keep the tier 21 blocks at the current levels. However, when applying the 22 increase needed to reach the revenue requirement, slightly 23 more of the increase was applied to the Energy Charge tiers 24 in the summer season than the non-summer season. In 25 addition, Idaho Power is proposing no increase to the third

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1 tier Energy Charge in the non-summer season. The primary 2 reason for applying slightly more of the increase in the 3 summer months is that the cost-of-service is higher in the 4 summer than in the non-summer season. This difference is illustrated on page one of Exhibit No. 36 of Mr. Larkin's 5 6 testimony, where the average summer unit cost of energy is 7 7.8329 cents per kWh, as compared to the non-summer average 8 unit cost of energy of 5.4571 cents per kWh.

9 0. What are the reasons for proposing no increase 10 to the third-tier Energy Charge in the non-summer months? 11 The Company is proposing no increase to the Α. third-tier Energy Charge during the non-summer months in 12 13 part because the cost to serve is lower in those months. 14 Further, the proposed design was developed with an eye 15 toward not exacerbating the customer equity and service 16 issues discussed in Mr. Youngblood's direct testimony.

Q. Please summarize the Company's rate designproposal for Schedule 1.

A. In addition to the Service Charge being set at \$5.00 per month the Company proposes the following Energy Charge rates. During the summer season, the Company proposes customers pay a base Energy Charge of 7.7493 cents per kWh for the first 800 kWh of energy used, 9.4410 cents per kWh for energy used between 801 and 2000 kWh, and 11.3297 cents per kWh for all additional kWh over 2000 each

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1 month. During the non-summer season, customers would pay 2 an Energy Charge of 7.1983 cents per kWh for the first 800 3 kWh of energy used, 7.9981 cents per kWh for energy used 4 between 801 and 2000 kWh, and 8.4662 cents per kWh for all 5 additional kWh over 2000 each month.

6 The Company's proposed rate design for Schedule 1, 7 Residential Service is shown on page one of Exhibit No. 45. 8 Q. What impact will this rate design proposal 9 have on Residential Service customers taking service under 10 Schedule 1?

11 Α. The typical monthly billing comparison for 12 Residential Service customers taking service under Schedule 13 1 appears on page one of Exhibit No. 46. This comparison 14 shows that the proposed increase is slightly higher in the 15 summer months. The highest users during the non-summer 16 months see a smaller increase, which illustrates the 17 results of not increasing the third-tier Energy Charge in 18 the non-summer season. In addition, this comparison shows 19 the impact of realigning the Service Charge closer to the 20 true cost of service for all use levels.

This rate design continues to provide an incentive for customers to use their electric energy efficiently, mitigates some of the issues being experienced with the current rate structure discussed in Mr. Youngblood's direct testimony, and moves rates closer to the cost to serve.

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Q. Are you proposing any other changes to
 Schedule 1?

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#### II. SCHEDULE 3

Q. Do you propose any rate design changes for
Schedule 3, Master-Metered Mobile Home Park Residential
Service?

A. No. The only changes to Schedule 3 are an 9 increase in the Service Charge from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per 10 month and a uniform increase in the Energy Charge rate to 11 achieve the required revenue for that schedule. The 12 Company's proposed rate design for Schedule 3 is shown on 13 page two of Exhibit No. 45.

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### III. SCHEDULES 4 AND 5

Q. Please describe the Company's current timevariant pricing schedules.

17 Schedule 4, the Energy Watch Program, is a Α. 18 fixed-price critical peak pricing option in which 19 participants pay a flat rate for all kilowatt-hours used 20 during the summer months except for those kilowatt-hours 21 used during an Energy Watch Event. During an Energy Watch 22 Event, the rate is currently nearly three times higher than 23 the flat rate. Energy Watch events may be called on to ten 24 weekdays a year between June 15 and August 15 during the 25 hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Schedule 5, the Time-of-Day Program, currently has three time periods during the summer months during which participants pay specific prices for energy consumption: (1) On-Peak; (2) Mid-Peak; and (3) Off-Peak. The Off-Peak rate is the lowest rate and the Mid- and On-Peak rates are generation and 81 percent higher, respectively.

7 During the non-summer months, the Energy Charges for 8 both Schedules 4 and 5 are the same three-tiered inverted 9 block rate structure with the same rate levels as Schedule 10 1.

Q. Please describe the basic philosophy for the
 design of these time variant pricing rate options.

13 Α. As Mr. Youngblood explains in his testimony, 14 Idaho Power is envisioning that the Schedule 4 and 5 15 pricing options proposed in this filing will be offered to 16 a larger group of residential customers in the near future. 17 The Company's purpose in developing time variant pricing 18 schedules is to give customers the option of paying rates 19 that are more in line with the costs incurred by the 20 Company to provide electric service to customers. These 21 costs vary throughout the day and differ between the summer 22 and non-summer months of the year. Idaho Power anticipates 23 that some customers may respond to the time-of-day rates 24 and modify their behavior and electric consumption in order 25 to reduce their electric bills. However, in these designs

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the rates were not set at a significantly high level with the exclusive intention of encouraging customers to shift load. Only the critical peak rate set for the Energy Watch hours are specifically designed to reduce or shift load. Rather, for Schedule 5, the time-of-day pricing option, rates are designed to reflect the costs of providing the energy.

8 Alternately, the Company has designed Schedule 4, 9 the critical peak pricing option, to provide customers a 10 strong price signal that encourages customers to reduce 11 load during specific peak hours of the summer months in 12 order to achieve demand reduction. The critical peak hour 13 price is set very high to encourage all customers on this 14 rate to reduce usage during Energy Watch hours.

15 The Company is proposing that both Schedules 4 and 5 16 have new time period definitions for the Energy Charge rate 17 component and that the basic structure be the same for both 18 schedules.

Q. What is the Company's proposal for the newtime period definitions for Schedules 4 and 5?

A. For both the Company's time-of-day and critical peak pricing schedules, the Company is proposing to move to a two time period, time-of-day structure for the Energy Charge during the summer and non-summer months. Schedule 4, Energy Watch, will overlay an additional

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critical peak pricing time period on top of the On-Peak
 time period during the summer months.

Q. What is the proposal for new time perioddefinitions for both Schedules 4 and 5?

A. For the summer season, time periods are defined as On-Peak from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Off-Peak from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and all hours on weekends and holidays. In addition, the critical peak time period is overlaid on top of the summer On-Peak period for the hours 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For the non-summer seasons, the two time periods are defined as Mid-Peak 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Off-Peak 9:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and all hours on weekends and holidays.

16 Q. Why is a two block definition preferable to a 17 three block definition?

18 Since the time when time-of-day rates were Α. 19 initially being offered by utilities, a "second generation" 20 of design in these rates has developed that reflects the 21 knowledge gained over the past decade or so. These second 22 generation rates use a two block time-of-day design because 23 they are believed to be easier for customers to understand, 24 simpler to explain, and can reflect sufficient cost differences to which customers can respond. In fact, most 25

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other utilities that offer time-of-day rates now have a two
 time block structure.

3 0. What did the Company find when researching 4 other existing time-of-day rate schedules offered? 5 Of the seventeen rate schedules offered by ten Α. 6 different utilities, all but three schedules had two time 7 blocks during the summer season and two in the non-summer 8 season. In fact, the time-of-day pricing option offered by 9 Rocky Mountain Power in its Idaho service territory follows 10 this pattern. 11 How were the proposed time block definitions Q. 12 determined? 13 Α. The proposed summer On-Peak time block is not 14 changed from the current eight hour summer On-Peak time 15 In the past few years, the Company has block definition. 16 examined closely the timing of the highest peak hours 17 during the summer and determined there is a high 18 probability that future peak hours will be contained within 19 the eight hour time period of weekdays from 1:00 p.m. to 20 9:00 p.m. This peak time is largely temperature and

22 conditioning units are operating. This summer On-Peak time 23 period designation maintains alignment between the 24 residential time-of-day rate options and the time-of-day

precipitation driven when irrigation pumps and air

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NEMNICH, DI 14 Idaho Power Company rates offered to commercial and industrial customers. All
 other hours in the summer season are designated Off-Peak.

3 During the non-summer season, the higher rate will 4 be during the fourteen hours of the Mid-Peak time period 5 from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. This non-summer peak time period 6 is broader than the summer peak time period and encompasses 7 more hours because in the non-summer season, the peak can 8 occur either in the winter mornings when residential water 9 heating peaks or in the evening when space heating peaks.

Moving the Energy Charge from a three-tiered inclining block rate to a two tiered time-of-day rate for both schedules 4 and 5 aligns these schedules closer to an hourly cost-of-service representation and provides uniformity across both seasons for time-of-use rates.

Q. Please explain the Energy Watch Event when thecritical peak pricing component of Schedule 4 occurs.

17 Α. Energy Watch events may be called up to ten 18 weekdays a year between June 15 and August 15 during the 19 hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. During an Energy Watch 20 Event, the rate is currently nearly three times higher than 21 the On-Peak time period rates. Idaho Power is proposing 22 that the critical peak price time block be overlaid on the 23 time-of-day pricing. Participants in the Energy Watch 24 pricing option will experience the normal time-of-day

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 events called during a summer season.

3 There is no change proposed for the Energy Watch 4 hour definition.

5 Q. What was the process used for determining the 6 rate levels and differentials for the Energy Charge rates 7 for the new time periods?

8 Rate levels and differentials were first Α. 9 determined for Schedule 5 in order to establish rates that 10 reflect, as close as possible, cost-of-service values. 11 Then, this same basic rate structure was used as the 12 foundation for the calculation for Schedule 4 rates. 13 However, for Schedule 4 Energy Charges, in order to allow 14 for the critical peak time period rate, the Energy charge rates set for Schedule 5 were lowered slightly. 15

Because the rate design for Schedule 4 builds on the rate design for Schedule 5, I will address the rate design for Schedule 5 first.

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#### IV. SCHEDULE 5

20 Q. Please describe the present rate structure for 21 Residential Service under Schedule 5.

A. Under Schedule 5, the Time-of-Day Program, customers pay a monthly Service Charge of \$4.00. During the summer months, June through August, the Energy Charge customers pay during the On-Peak Period is 10.6215 cents

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1 per kWh, during the Mid-Peak Period customers pay 7.8146 2 cents per kWh, and during the Off-Peak Period customers pay 3 5.8565 cents per kWh. During the non-summer months, 4 September through May, the Energy Charge is a three-tiered 5 inverted block rate similar to Schedule 1. The Energy 6 Charge is 6.6259 cents per kWh for the first 800 kWh of 7 energy used, 7.3621 cents per kWh for energy used between 8 801 and 2000 kWh, and 8.4662 cents per kWh for all 9 additional kWh over 2000 each month.

Q. Please review the changes you are proposing
 for customers taking service on Schedule 5.

12 Α. There are three proposed changes that impact 13 customers taking Residential Service under Schedule 5: (1) 14 the increase to the Service Charge, (2) the implementation 15 of new time-of-day time block definitions for the Energy 16 Charge; and (3) moving from tiered rates during non-summer 17 months to time-of-day rates with two time periods for the 18 Energy Charge. These structural changes to the Energy 19 Charge were discussed earlier.

20 Q. Are you proposing to increase the Service 21 Charge to \$5.00 per month like that of Schedule 1?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Please describe how the Company determined the 24 Energy Charge rate levels for Residential Service customers 25 under Schedule 5.

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1 Α. With the overall goal to reflect cost-of-2 service rates, the Off-Peak Energy Charge for both summer 3 and non-summer seasons was set to 6.6450 cents per kWh. 4 This was calculated by averaging the summer and non-summer 5 unit costs of 7.8329 and 5.4571 cents per kWh, 6 respectively. These unit costs are shown on page one of 7 Exhibit No. 36 of Mr. Larkin's testimony. These Off-Peak 8 rates provide a floor value that is not dramatically 9 different from current Off-Peak and first tier rates, 10 providing stability in the rate structure for customers. 11 A differential of 81.4 percent was applied to the 12 Off-Peak summer rate to calculate the On-Peak summer rate. 13 This is the same differential used in the current Schedule 14 5 summer time-of-day rates. In addition, it is also an 15 approximation of the On-Peak to Off-Peak summer differential that exists in the time differentiated 16 17 alternate cost calculations used to determine the economic 18 value of demand-side management programs. The non-summer 19 differential is 27 percent between Mid-Peak and Off-Peak 20 The summer differential at 81.4 percent is much rates. 21 higher than the non-summer differential reflecting the 22 higher summer peak costs.

Applying the summer differential of 81.4 percent to the Off-Peak Energy Charge rate of 6.6450 cents per kWh, results in the On-Peak rate of 12.0547 cents per kWh. This

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rate level provides a rate signal to conserve or shift On Peak usage.

This proposed rate design increases the overall differential between the average summer and non-summer seasonal rates from the current 7.2 percent to 14.5 percent and makes some movement towards the seasonal unit cost differential of 43.5 percent.

8 The rate design proposed for Schedule 5 is shown on 9 page four of Exhibit No. 45.

Q. What impact does this rate design proposal have on Residential Service customers taking service under Schedule 5?

13 The typical monthly billing comparison for Α. 14 Residential Service customers taking service under Schedule 15 5 appears on page three of Exhibit No. 46. As shown in 16 this comparison, the overall increase in rates necessary to 17 achieve the revenue requirement is higher with this rate 18 design in the summer months than the non-summer months. 19 Customers with higher monthly usage may be attracted to 20 this rate option.

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#### V. SCHEDULE 4

22 Q. Please describe the current rate structure for 23 residential service under Schedule 4.

A. Under Schedule 4, the Energy Watch Program, customers pay a monthly Service Charge of \$4.00. During

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1 the summer months, June through August, they pay an Energy 2 Charge rate of 7.3366 cents per kWh, except for those kWh 3 used during an Energy Watch Event. During an Energy Watch 4 Event, the rate they pay is 20 cents per kWh. During the 5 non-summer months, September through May, the Energy Charge 6 is a three-tiered inverted block to the same as the non-7 summer Energy Charge rate of Schedule 1. Customers pay 8 6.6259 cents per kWh for the first 800 kWh of energy used, 9 7.3621 cents per kWh for energy used between 801 and 2000 10 kWh, and 8.4662 cents per kWh for all additional kWh over 11 2000 each month.

Q. What changes are you proposing for residentialservice that impact Schedule 4 customers?

14 Α. There are three proposed changes to 15 residential customers taking Residential Service under 16 (1) the increase to the Service Charge; (2) Schedule 4: 17 the implementation of the new time of day time period 18 definitions for the Energy Charge for both seasons; and (3) 19 a significantly higher increase to the critical peak Energy 20 Charge rate.

Q. Are you proposing to increase the Service
Charge to \$5.00 per month like that of Schedule 1?
A. Yes.

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NEMNICH, DI 20 Idaho Power Company Q. For the Energy Charge rate structure are you
 proposing to implement a time-of-day rate for both seasons
 for Schedule 4 as described earlier?

4 Α. Yes. For Residential Service customers taking 5 service under Schedule 4, the Company is proposing to implement a time-of-day rate structure with two time 6 7 periods during the summer season and two time periods in 8 the non-summer season. These are described in detail in 9 the previous section. In addition, a critical peak price 10 is overlaid on this basic rate structure for Schedule 4.

11 Q. Please describe your rate design proposal for12 the Energy Charges for Schedule 4.

A. The starting point for the rate design structure for the Energy Charge for Schedule 4 is the rate design structure proposed for Schedule 5. Having the same basic rate structure for both time variant pricing options sends cost-of-service price signals to customers on both schedules and provides rate stability for those customers who may want to change between options.

To calculate the Energy Charge time-of-day rates for both summer and non-summer, the Company started with the exact same rates used for Schedule 5 Energy Charge rates. The Company then reduced them uniformly by 5 percent. This reduction provides a lower rate during all non-critical

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NEMNICH, DI 21 Idaho Power Company peak hours to customers for the option to raise the rates
 during critical peak hours.

3 The next step for calculating Schedule 4 Energy Charge rates is to determine a rate level for the critical 4 5 peak price that will encourage customers on this rate to 6 reduce their energy use during Energy Watch events, while 7 at the same time providing lower rate levels during the 8 rest of the year. Traditionally, the critical peak rate 9 has been set at least four times higher than the summer 10 Energy Charge rates during Energy Watch hours.

11 Q. How did you determine the rate for the 12 critical peak Energy Watch hours?

13 Α. A critical peak rate should be set high enough 14 to deter customers from using energy during those hours. 15 When Schedule 4 was first implemented in 2005, the critical 16 peak rate was set approximately four times higher than the 17 summer Energy Charge rates. Over the years the summer 18 Energy Charge was slowly increased while the critical peak 19 rate was not. In this filing, Idaho Power is again 20 proposing a critical peak rate that is almost four times 21 higher than the summer Energy Charge rates.

The rates proposed in this filing for Schedule 4 result in a differential of 249 percent between the critical peak rate and the summer On-Peak rate. Idaho Power set the critical peak rate at 40 cents per kWh

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because it sends a strong price signal to customers and it
 aligns these rates with the original structure.

Q. Was the previous structure of setting the critical peak four times higher than the summer Energy Charge successful in discouraging customers from using electricity during the Energy Watch events?

A. Yes. Although the program currently has a
limited number of participants which may not be
representative of the whole residential class, these
participants have consistently and significantly reduced
their energy usage during Energy Watch events.

12 Q. Have you compared Idaho Power's proposed rates 13 to other critical peak pricing offerings from other 14 utilities?

15 Yes. Of the eight different utilities we found Α. 16 with critical peak offerings, the critical peak rates 17 ranged from 28.5 cents per kWh to \$1.30 per kWh with an 18 average of 62 cents per kWh. The average differential was 19 340 percent between the critical peak pricing rate and the 20 On-Peak Energy Charge. Idaho Power's proposed rate of 40 21 cents per kWh and the differential of 249 percent are well 22 under this average.

Q. Please summarize your rate design proposal forSchedule 4.

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1 Α. The rate design proposal for Schedule 4 is 2 included on page three of Exhibit No. 45. Under the 3 proposed rate design, the Service Charge is \$5.00 per 4 month. The Energy Charge during the Energy Watch Event 5 hours would increase to 40 cents per kWh. In the summer 6 months, June through August, the Energy Charge customers 7 pay during the On-Peak Period is 11.4519 cents per kWh and 8 during the Off-Peak Period customers pay 6.3127 cents per 9 kWh. During the non-summer months, September through May, 10 the Energy Charge customers pay during the On-Peak Period 11 is 8.0175 cents per kWh, and during the Off-Peak Period, 12 customers pay 6.3127 cents per kWh.

Q. What impact does this rate design proposal have on Residential Service customers taking service under Schedule 4?

16 Α. The typical monthly billing comparison for 17 Residential Service customers taking service under Schedule 18 4 appears on page two of Exhibit No. 46. Similar to the 19 Schedule 5 billing comparison, the increase in rates is 20 higher in the summer season than in the non-summer season. 21 Q. Do you have any changes to the tariff language 22 for any of the Residential Service schedules? 23 Α. There is no tariff language changes proposed 24 for Schedules 1 or 3. However, as explained by Mr.

25 Youngblood in his testimony, the Company is proposing

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1 tariff language changes to Schedules 4 and 5 in preparation 2 for offering these tariffs to more customers in the future. 3 The Company is proposing to eliminate the service 4 limitation requiring at least 300 kWh per month usage for a 5 customer to be eligible for this tariff. The Company is 6 adding language clarifying the process of getting on and 7 off the Schedules. In addition, the Company is adding 8 language that specifies when a customer who has been on 9 either Schedules 4 or 5 and elects to go off of the 10 schedule, that customer is not eligible to return to that 11 same schedule for one year. This limitation is designed to prevent customers from hopping on and off of these 12 schedules during seasons when their particular usage 13 14 results in a lower bill, but then opting for another 15 schedule when their bill goes up. 16 Are there any other limitations to 0. participation in Schedules 4 and 5? 17 18 In order to avoid potential double Α. Yes. 19 counting of demand reduction and double paying of an 20 incentive, Idaho Power is proposing language to Schedule 4 21 so that those customers participating in the A/C Cool 22 Credit program are not eligible for Schedule 4. In 23 addition, because Schedule 5 is designed to be cost based, 24 customers can participate in both Schedule 5 and Schedule

25 84, the Company's net metering schedule. However, because

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**EXHIBIT NO. 45** 

# Residential Service Schedule 1

		(1)	(2) Current	(3) Current	(4) Proposed	(5) Proposed	(9)	(2)
Line			Base	Base	Base	Base	Revenue	Percent
N	Description	Use	<u>Rate</u>	Revenue	<u>Rate</u>	Revenue	Difference	<u>Change</u>
<del>-</del> 0	Service Charge Mininum Charge	4,767,186 38,143	\$4.00 \$2.00	\$19,068,743 \$76,287	\$5.00 \$2.00	\$23,835,929 \$76,287	\$4,767,186 \$0	25.00% 0.00%
ო	Energy Blocks							
4 v.	Summer 0-800 kWh	812,216,482	0.071026	\$57,688,488	0.077493	\$62.941.092	\$5.252.604	9.11%
o o	801-2000 kWh	345,712,888	0.086530	\$29,914,536	0.094410	\$32,638,754	\$2,724,218	9.11%
7	Over 2000 kWh	57,903,518	0.103836	\$6,012,470	0.113297	\$6,560,295	\$547,825	9.11%
œ	Non-Summer							
თ	0-800 kWh	2,302,960,245	0.066259	\$152,591,843	0.071983	\$165,773,987	\$13,182,144	8.64%
10	801-2000 kWh	1,100,244,240	0.073621	\$81,001,081	0.079981	\$87,998,635	\$6,997,554	8.64%
1	Over 2000 kWh	384,541,379	0.084662	\$32,556,042	0.084662	\$32,556,042	\$0	0.00%
12	Total Energy	5,003,578,752		\$359,764,460	I	\$388,468,805	\$28,704,345	7.98%
13	Total Revenue			\$378,909,490		\$412,381,021	\$33,471,531	8.83%
14	Energy Efficiency Rider		4.75%	\$17,998,201	4.75%	\$19,588,098	\$1,589,897	8.83%
15 16	FCA Revenue PCA Revenue		0.001801 0.000289	\$9,011,445 \$1,446,034	0.001801 0.000289	\$9,011,445 \$1,446,034	\$0 \$	0.00% 0.00%
17	Total Billed Revenue		I	\$407,365,170	I	\$442,426,598	\$35,061,428	8.61%

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		(1)	(2) Current	(3) Current	(4) Proposed	(5) Pronosed	(9)	(2)
Line No	Description	Use	Base <u>Rate</u>	Base Revenue	Base <u>Rate</u>	Base Revenue	Revenue <u>Difference</u>	Percent <u>Change</u>
~ N	Service Charge Mininum Charge	264.0 0.0	\$4.00 \$2.00	\$1,056 \$0	\$5.00 \$2.00	\$1,320 \$0	\$264 \$0	25.00% 0.00%
ω4	<u>Energy Charge</u> Total Energy	5,175,311	0.071794	\$371,556	0.078100	\$404,192	\$32,636	8.78%
ŝ	Total Revenue			\$372,612		\$405,512	\$32,900	8.83%
9 ~ 8	Energy Efficiency Rider FCA Revenue PCA Revenue		4.75% 0.001801 0.000289	\$17,699 \$9,321 \$1,496	4.75% 0.001801 0.000289	\$19,262 \$9,321 \$1,496	\$1,563 \$0 \$0	8.83% 0.00% 0.00%
თ	Total Billed Revenue			\$401,128		\$435,591	\$34,463	8.59%

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		Resider	ntial Service - F Sche	Energy Watch Pr dule 4	ogram			
Line	anitain and	(1)	(2) Current Base	(3) Current Base	(4) Proposed Base Rate	(5) Proposed Base	(6) Revenue Difference	(7) Percent Change
<u> </u>	Service Charge Mininum Charge	510 1	\$4.00 \$2.00	\$2,038 \$1	\$5.00 \$2.00	\$2,548 \$1 \$1	\$510 \$0	25.02% 0.00%
<u>ო</u> 4იი	<u>Energy Charge</u> <u>Summer</u> Energy Watch Hours All other hours	606 148,289	0.200000 0.073366	\$121 \$10,879	0.40000	\$242	\$121	100.00%
- 8 0 <del>1</del> 1	<u>Non-Summer</u> 0-800 kWh 801-2000 kWh Over 2000 kWh Total Energy	303,287 214,924 76,833 743,939	0.066259 0.073621 0.084662	\$20,095 \$15,823 \$6,505 \$53,423				
10 13 13 10 14 13 12 14 13	<u>Proposed Energy Charge</u> <u>Summer</u> On-Peak Off-Peak	53,384 94,905			0.114519 0.063127	\$6,113 \$5,991	\$2,196 (\$972)	56.08% (13.96)%
16 19 19	<u>Non-Summer</u> Mid-Peak Off-Peak Total Energy	285,621 309,423 743,939			0.080175 0.063127	\$22,900 \$19,533 \$54,779	\$2,537 (\$2,527) \$1,356	12.46% (11.45)% 2.54%
12	Total Revenue			\$55,462		\$57,328	\$1,866	3.36%
15 16	Energy Efficiency Rider FCA Revenue PCA Revenue		4.75% 0.001801 0.000289	\$2,634 \$1,340 \$215	4.75% 0.001801 0.000289	\$2,723 \$1,340 \$215	68 8 8 9 0 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	3.38% 0.00% 0.00%
18	Total Billed Revenue			\$59,651	ł	\$61,606	\$1,955	3.28%

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Idaho Power Company Calculation of Revenue Impact State of Idaho 2011 General Rate Case Funding Filed June 1, 2011

Idaho Power Company Calculation of Revenue Impact State of Idaho 2011 General Rate Case Funding Filed June 1, 2011	Residential Service - Time-Of-Day Program Schedule 5	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) Current Current Proposed Proposed Revenue Base Base Base Revenue Difference	882 \$4.00 \$3,528 \$5.00 \$4,410 \$882 1 \$2.00 \$2 \$2.00 \$2,410 \$882	72,090 0.106215 \$7,657 42,914 0.078146 \$3,354 136,937 0.058565 \$8,020	522,886 0.066259 \$34,646 319,863 0.073621 \$23,549 83,918 0.084662 \$7,105 1,178,608	- 90,699 0.120547 \$10,933 \$1,822 161,243 0.066450 \$10,715 \$796	444,800         0.084395         \$37,539         \$6,195           481,866         0.066450         \$32,020         (\$1,936)           1,178,608         \$91,207         \$6,876	\$95,619 \$7,758	4.75% \$4,173 4.75% \$4,542 \$369 0.001801 \$2,123 0.001801 \$2,123 \$0 0.000289 \$341 0.000289 \$341 \$0	\$102,625 \$8,127
	ogram	(4) Proposed Base Rate	\$5.00 \$2.00			0.120547 0.066450	0.084395 0.066450		4.75% 0.001801 0.000289	•
er Company Revenue Impac f Idaho ite Case Fundin e 1, 2011	Time-Of-Day Pr dule 5	(3) Current Base Revenue	\$3,528 \$2	\$7,657 \$3,354 \$8,020	\$34,646 \$23,549 \$7,105 \$84,331			\$87,861	\$4,173 \$2,123 \$341	\$94,498
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й -	Reside	(1) Use	882 1	72,090 42,914 136,937	522,886 319,863 83,918 1,178,608	- 90,699 161,243	444,800 481,866 1,178,608			
		Description	Service Charge Mininum Charge	Current Energy Charge Summer On-Peak Mid-Peak Off-Peak	<u>Non-Summer</u> 0-800 kWh 801-2000 kWh Over 2000 kWh Total Energy	Proposed Energy Charge Summer On-Peak Off-Peak	Nid-Peak Off-Peak Total Energy	Total Revenue	Energy Efficiency Rider FCA Revenue PCA Revenue	Total Billed Revenue
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Idaho Power Company Typical Monthly Billing Comparison State of Idaho General Rate Case Filed June 1, 2011

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Mths	Percent	<u>Difference</u>	25.00%	14.79%	12.52%	11.43%	10.85%	10.47%	10.21%	10.04%	9.89%	9.75%	9.65%	9.60%	9.55%	9.49%	9.44%	9.40%	9.36%	9.19%	7.69%	6.75%	5.64%	4.99%
Mth Cost -12	Proposed	Revenue	5.00	12.34	19.68	27.01	34.34	41.68	49.02	56.36	63.69	72.05	80.41	84.59	88.76	97.12	105.49	113.85	122.21	164.00	209.91	255.82	347.64	439.46
Avg	Current	Revenue	4.00	10.75	17.49	24.24	30.98	37.73	44.48	51.22	57.96	65.65	73.33	77.18	81.02	88.70	96.39	104.07	111.75	150.19	194.91	239.64	329.09	418.56
	Percent	Difference	25.00%	14.77%	12.46%	11.35%	10.79%	10.40%	10.12%	9.94%	9.79%	9.66%	9.56%	9.51%	9.46%	9.39%	9.34%	9.29%	9.25%	9.09%	7.04%	5.74%	4.20%	3.31%
on-Summer	Proposed	Revenue	5.00	12.20	19.40	26.59	33.79	40.99	48.19	55.39	62.59	70.59	78.59	82.59	86.58	94.58	102.58	110.58	118.58	158.57	200.90	243.23	327.89	412.56
Ň	Current	Revenue	4.00	10.63	17.25	23.88	30.50	37.13	43.76	50.38	57.01	64.37	71.73	75.42	79.10	86.46	93.82	101.18	108.54	145.36	187.69	230.02	314.68	399.35
	Percent	Difference	25.00%	14.86%	12.58%	11.62%	11.08%	10.73%	10.47%	10.29%	10.14%	10.02%	9.91%	9.87%	9.83%	9.77%	9.71%	9.67%	9.63%	9.49%	9.40%	9.34%	9.28%	9.24%
Summer	Proposed	<u>Revenue</u>	5.00	12.75	20.50	28.25	36.00	43.75	51.50	59.25	66.99	76.43	85.87	90.59	95.31	104.75	114.20	123.64	133.08	180.28	236.93	293.58	406.87	520.17
	Current	<u>Revenue</u>	4.00	11.10	18.21	25.31	32.41	39.51	46.62	53.72	60.82	69.47	78.13	82.45	86.78	95.43	104.09	112.74	121.39	164.66	216.58	268.50	372.33	476.17
	Energy -	KVh	0	100	200	300	400	500	600	200	800	006	1,000	1,050	1,100	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,500	2,000	2,500	3,000	4,000	5,000
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	Sum	imer El	nergy - kWh			Summer		~	Jon-Summe	5	Avg N	11 Cost -12	Mths	
Line	С́ Ш	ergy		Non	Current	Proposed	Percent	Current	Proposed	Percent	Current	Proposed	Percent	
<u>No</u>	Š	<u>atch</u>	Summer	Summer	Revenue	Revenue	<u>Difference</u>	Revenue	Revenue	<u>Difference</u>	Revenue	Revenue	<u>Difference</u>	
•-	_	0	0	0	4.00	5.00	25.00%	4.00	5.00	25.00%	4.00	5.00	25.00%	
. 4	~	-	299	300	26.14	29.81	14.04%	23.88	26.39	10.53%	24.44	27.25	11.50%	
~/	~	2	398	400	33.60	38.29	13.95%	30.50	33.52	9.90%	31.28	34.72	11.00%	
v	**	0	498	500	40.94	46.45	13.47%	37.13	40.66	9.50%	38.08	42.10	10.56%	
		7	598	600	48.27	54.61	13.14%	43.76	47.79	9.21%	44.88	49.49	10.27%	
J	~	ო	697	700	55 74	63.09	13.20%	50.38	54.92	9.00%	51.72	56.96	10.13%	
	•	ი	797	800	63.07	71.26	12.98%	57.01	62.05	8.84%	58.52	64.35	9.96%	
~	~	4	896	006	70.54	79.74	13.05%	64.37	69.18	7.47%	65.91	71.82	8.97%	
	~	4	966	1,000	77.87	87.90	12.88%	71.73	76.31	6.38%	73.27	79.21	8.11%	
Υ,	~	4	1,096	1,100	85.21	96.06	12.74%	79.09	83.44	5.50%	80.62	86.60	7.42%	
-	_	S	1,195	1,200	92.67	104.55	12.81%	86.46	90.57	4.76%	88.01	94.07	6.89%	
	~'	S	1,295	1,300	100.01	112.71	12.70%	93.82	97.70	4.14%	95.37	101.45	6.38%	
÷	~	9	1,394	1,400	107.47	121.19	12.76%	101.18	104.83	3.61%	102.75	108.92	6.00%	
7		9	1,494	1,500	114.81	129.35	12.67%	108.54	111.97	3.15%	110.11	116.31	5.63%	
÷	10	ω	1,992	2,000	151.75	170.80	12.56%	145.35	147.62	1.56%	146.95	153.42	4.40%	
1	~	9	2,490	2,500	188.68	212.25	12.49%	187.68	183.28	-2.35%	187.93	190.52	1.38%	
7	~	12	2,988	3,000	225.62	253.70	12.45%	230.01	218.93	-4.82%	228.92	227.62	-0.57%	
4	~	16	3,984	4,000	299.49	336.61	12.39%	314.68	290.24	-7.77%	310.88	301.83	-2.91%	
15	~	20	4,980	5,000	373.36	419.51	12.36%	399.34	361.55	-9.46%	392.84	376.04	-4.28%	

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Idaho Power Company Typical Monthly Billing Comparison State of Idaho General Rate Case Filed June 1, 2011 Residential Service - Time-of-Day Program Schedule 5

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(9)	(2)	(8)	(6)
	Monthly		Summer			Non-Summ	er	Avg N	Ath Cost -12	Mths
Line	Energy	Current	Proposed	Percent	Current	Proposed	Percent	Current	Proposed	Percent
୬	<u>kWh</u>	Revenue	Revenue	<u>Difference</u>	Revenue	Revenue	<u>Difference</u>	Revenue	Revenue	<u>Difference</u>
4	0	4.00	5.00	25.00%	4.00	5.00	25.00%	4.00	5.00	25.00%
7	300	26.67	30.78	15.42%	23.88	27.52	15.25%	24.57	28.33	15.30%
ო	400	34.19	39.37	15.15%	30.50	35.03	14.82%	31.43	36.11	14.89%
4	500	41.76	47.96	14.85%	37.13	42.53	14.55%	38.29	43.89	14.63%
S	600	49.33	56.55	14.64%	43.76	50.04	14.36%	45.15	51.67	14.44%
9	700	56.86	65.15	14.58%	50.38	57.54	14.22%	52.00	59.45	14.33%
2	800	64.43	73.74	14.46%	57.01	65.05	14.11%	58.86	67.22	14.20%
Ø	006	72.00	82.33	14.35%	64.37	72.56	12.72%	66.28	75.00	13.16%
თ	1,000	79.52	90.92	14.34%	71.73	80.06	11.62%	73.68	82.78	12.35%
9	1,100	87.09	99.52	14.27%	79.09	87.57	10.72%	81.09	90.56	11.68%
1	1,200	94.62	108.11	14.26%	86.46	95.08	9.97%	88.50	98.33	11.11%
12	1,300	102.19	116.70	14.20%	93.82	102.58	9.34%	95.91	106.11	10.63%
13	1,400	109.76	125.29	14.15%	101.18	110.09	8.81%	103.32	113.89	10.23%
14	1,500	117.30	133.89	14.14%	108.54	117.60	8.34%	110.73	121.67	9.88%
15	2,000	155.06	176.85	14.05%	145.35	155.13	6.72%	147.78	160.56	8.65%
16	2,500	192.82	219.81	14.00%	187.68	192.66	2.65%	188.97	199.45	5.55%
17	3,000	230.58	262.77	13.96%	230.01	230.19	0.08%	230.16	238.34	3.55%
48	4,000	306.15	348.70	13.90%	314.68	305.25	-2.99%	312.55	316.12	1.14%
19	5,000	381.70	434.62	13.87%	399.34	380.32	-4.76%	394.93	393.89	-0.26%

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