## **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO APPROVE NEW TARIFF SCHEDULE 63, A COMMUNITY SOLAR PILOT PROGRAM

CASE NO. IPC-E-16-14 NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 33569

On June 22, 2016, Idaho Power Company filed an Application with the Commission to authorize it to implement an optional program, Schedule 63, Community Solar Pilot Program. Under the program, the Company proposes to build a 500 kilowatt (kW) single-axis tracking community solar array in southeast Boise that will allow a limited number of Idaho Power's customers to subscribe to the generation output. Idaho Power asked that the case be processed by Modified Procedure.

The Commission issued a Notice of Application and Order setting a deadline for interested parties to intervene. Order No. 33552. The Commission received and granted petitions for intervention from Idaho Conservation League (ICL), Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association (IIPA), Industrial Customers of Idaho Power (ICIP), Sierra Club, Snake River Alliance (SRA), and the City of Boise. Order Nos. 33552, 33557, 33560, 33562.

## **PARTIES' PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

These parties conferred informally and agreed to the following schedule under Modified Procedure:

August 23, 2016	Parties' meeting to discuss negotiated solutions
September 1, 2016	Comment deadline for Parties
September 14, 2016	Company reply deadline

The Commission now issues the following Notice of Modified Procedure adopting the parties' proposed schedule. Pursuant to Rule 202, we set a public comment deadline that allows interested persons 21 days from the service date of this Order to file comments with the Commission. The Company's Application proposes a new program and we find that providing less than our standard 21-day comment period for public participation is not in the public interest. The Parties mutually agreed to their schedule, but the public deserves a full and fair opportunity to participate.

## NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the **parties** in this matter may file a written comment in support or in opposition with the Commission **by no later than Thursday**, **September 1, 2016**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, by no later than Thursday, September 14, 2016.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any member of the **public** desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or in opposition with the Commission **by no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order**. IDAPA 31.01.01.202.02. All comments must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application may be mailed to the Commission and Company at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary	Lisa Nordstrom
Idaho Public Utilities Commission	Idaho Power
PO Box 83720	1221 West Idaho Street (83702)
Boise, ID 83720-0074	Boise, ID 83707
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472 W. Washington St. Boise, ID 83702-5918

These 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 <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click the "Case Comment or Question Form" under the "Consumers" tab, and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Company at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the parties to this matter intend to conduct a meeting to discuss negotiated solutions on August 23, 2016, per IDAPA 31.01.01.272.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, attachment, and testimonies have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application, exhibits, and testimonies are also available on the Commission's website at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to "Open Electric Cases," then click on either case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code, and specifically *Idaho Code* § 61-503.

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

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure using the parties' agreed schedule as set forth above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that interested persons (members of the public) may file written comments by 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  $/6^{\prime \star}$  day of August 2016.

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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

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