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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Diane Hanian, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

Re: Case No. IPC-E-18-15
Study of Costs, Benefits, and Compensation of Net Excess Energy Supplied
by Customer On-Site Generation – File Transfer Protocol Site for Discovery

Dear Ms. Hanian:

Rule of Procedure (“RP”) 63 (IDAPA 31.01.01.063.03) requires that “the service of discovery documents on parties shall be accomplished by electronic mail (as attachments to e-mail).” When documents are too voluminous for e-mail, Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power”) has served such discovery on CD through U.S. Mail. However, fewer parties have ready access to computers, laptops, or tablets with CD drives as technology evolves.

Idaho Power proposed, and the parties have agreed, to use a file transfer protocol (“FTP”) site for the discovery process in the above matter. Idaho Power will create the FTP site that will allow all parties to post and access non-confidential information via a unique user identification for each entity. Confidential information will also be uploaded to the FTP site; Idaho Power will grant access to the confidential information following the party’s execution of the protective agreement.

Pursuant to RP 61, parties will continue to file with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) an original and three hard copies of the discovery response along with one CD for any electronic attachments. The party posting documents to the FTP site will notify the individuals listed on the Notice of Parties via e-mail that its documents have been uploaded. The parties will serve all other documents in this matter on each other electronically as attachments to e-mails.

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Assuming you have no objection to this method of transmitting, filing, and serving case documents, Idaho Power respectfully requests that the Commission liberally construe RP 63, as permitted by RP 13, to accommodate the parties' use of an FTP site for discovery (and amend the Notice of Parties if necessary).

Very truly yours,



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