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## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY TO STUDY FIXED COSTS OF PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS

### CASE NO. IPC-E-18-16

# PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE NW ENERGY COALITION

COMES NOW the NW Energy Coalition (NWEC) and hereby requests leave to intervene in the above captioned matter pursuant to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-073. As discussed below, NWEC has direct and substantial interests in these proceedings, and therefore should be granted intervention.

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1. The name of this intervenor is:

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orders, and other filings may be submitted via electronic mail in accordance with IPUC Rules 31.01.01.063.02-03.

2. NWEC claims a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding on behalf of our 11 organizational members in Idaho, many of whom have individual members that are customers of Idaho Power. NWEC promotes development of renewable energy and energy conservation, consumer protection, low-income energy assistance, and fish and wildlife restoration on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. NWEC has been a party in cases before the Idaho Utilities Commission and has been active on proceedings regarding fixed costs and fixed cost recovery in Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon. NWEC and our organizational members have a long-standing interest in the recovery of utility fixed costs in a manner that encourages energy conservation as well as protects the most vulnerable members of our communities. NWEC intervention will focus on the accurate and equitable identification, allocation, and recovery of fixed costs and thus will not unduly broaden the issues.

3. NWEC intends to fully participate in this matter as a party. The nature and quality of NWEC's intervention in the proceeding is dependent upon the nature and effect of other evidence in this proceeding. If necessary NWEC may introduce evidence, be heard in argument, and call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses. NWEC intends to seek intervenor funding pursuant to IDAPA 31.01.01.161-165.

WHEREFORE, NWEC respectfully requests the Commission grant this petition. DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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Benjamin J. Otto Idaho Conservation League

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of November, 2018, I delivered true and correct copies of the foregoing PETITION TO INTERVENE to the following persons via the method of service noted:

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