

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. IPC-E-19-38
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)	
APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF AN)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT WITH BIG)	
WOOD CANAL COMPANY FOR THE SALE)	NOTICE OF
AND PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
FROM THE SAGEBRUSH HYDRO)	
PROJECT.)	ORDER NO. 34529
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On December 9, 2019, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") filed an Application seeking approval or rejection of an Energy Sales Agreement ("ESA") between the Company and Big Wood Canal Company ("Big Wood" or "Seller"), for the Sagebrush hydro project ("Facility"). The Facility is a 575 kilowatt ("kW") qualifying facility ("QF") near Gooding, Idaho under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA"). *Application* at 4. The Company requests the Application be processed by Modified Procedure. *Id.* at 6. The Commission now issues this Notice of Application, Notice of Modified Procedure and Order setting comment and reply deadlines.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that under the proposed ESA, Big Wood would sell the electric energy generated by the Facility to the Company at published seasonal, non-levelized hydroelectric avoided cost rates as set by Order No. 34350 for a 20-year term. *Id.* at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED Big Wood has been selling electricity generated by the Facility to the Company under an energy sales agreement executed on April 1, 1985, that expires on May 31, 2020. *Id.* at 2. The proposed ESA is intended to replace the existing energy sales agreement. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed ESA contains capacity payments for the entire term of the ESA because it is a replacement ESA. *Id.* at 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests the Application be processed by Modified Procedure. *Id.* at 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests the Commission issue an Order accepting or rejecting the proposed ESA and, if accepted, declaring all payments for

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purchases of energy under the proposed ESA to be allowed as prudently incurred expenses for ratemaking purposes. *Id.* at 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, then select "Electric Cases" and click on the 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* §§ 61-501, 61-502 and 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.*

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .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 any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by no later than twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The written comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting it. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
Commission:**

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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 www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Consumers" tab then click the "Case Comment or Question Form" and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company shall file reply comments, if necessary, by no later than twenty-eight (28) days from the service date of this Notice.

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 a formal hearing.

ORDER

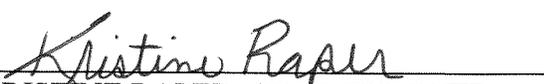
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of the Company be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Notice. The Company may file reply comments by no later than twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this Notice.

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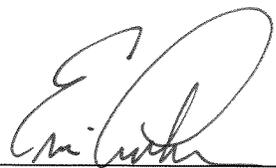
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this day of 10th
January 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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