DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: **COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER**

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FROM: **MATT HUNTER**

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DATE: **APRIL 16, 2020**

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR

> APPROVAL OF AN ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HAILEY, FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY FROM THE HAILEY CSPP HYDRO PROJECT; CASE NO. IPC-E-20-16

On March 17, 2020, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") filed an Application requesting consideration of an Energy Sales Agreement ("ESA" or "Agreement") with the City of Hailey for energy generated by the Hailey CSPP Hydro Project ("Facility"). Application at 1. The Facility is a 37.3-kilowatt nameplate capacity hydro facility in Hailey, Idaho. Id. at 4. The Facility is a qualifying facility under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. *Id.* The Facility has a scheduled First Energy Date under the ESA of June 25, 2020. *Id.* at 5.

THE APPLICATION

The Facility has been delivering energy to Idaho Power in accordance with an energy sales agreement dated June 14, 1985, which expires June 24, 2020. *Id.* at 4. The Company states that the Agreement contains published non-seasonal, non-levelized avoided cost rates for a 5-year term. Id. The Company requests the Commission declare all payments for purchase of energy under the ESA be allowed as prudently incurred expenses for ratemaking purposes. *Id.* at 6.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, setting a May 14, 2020 comment deadline and a May 21, 2020 reply comment deadline.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, setting a May 14, 2020 comment deadline and a May 21, 2020 reply comment deadline?

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