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## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSION ) STAFF'S PETITION TO UPDATE INPUTS ) TO THE COLSTRIP METHOD AND TO )	CASE NO. IPC-E-20-24/ AVIL- €- 20-04
DISCONTINUE THE SUMAS METHOD )	COMMENTS OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY

Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company"), in accordance with RP 201, et seq., and the applicable provisions of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA"), as well as the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's ("IPUC" or "Commission") Notice of Modified Procedure in this matter, Order No. 34674, hereby respectfully submits the following Comments.

On May 14, 2020, Commission Staff filed a Petition requesting a Commission Order to implement an updated avoided cost based on the Colstrip Method for determining the adjustable portion of avoided cost rates under PURPA. The Colstrip Method was established by the Commission in Order No. 28708 and applies to certain

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contracts with PURPA Qualifying Facilities ("QFs") executed from 1990 to 1995.

The Company has reviewed Commission Staff's revision to the adjustable portion of

the avoided cost rate for existing PURPA contracts that utilize the Colstrip Method. Idaho Power

agrees that the calculations used by the Staff for Idaho Power Company are consistent with IPUC

Order No. 28708. Idaho Power has 6 contracts that utilize the Colstrip Method, the last of

which will expire in September 2030.

Idaho Power confirms it has no effective PURPA contracts that utilize the Sumas

Method and agrees the Commission should discontinue pricing requirements specific to

the Sumas Method.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of June, 2020.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, I served a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing COMMENTS upon the following named parties by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:	
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