

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER )  
COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR ) CASE NO. IPC-E-21-32  
APPROVAL TO MODIFY ITS DEMAND )  
RESPONSE PROGRAMS. )  
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IDAHO POWER COMPANY

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

JARED L. ELLSWORTH

1 Q. Please state your name, business address, and  
2 present position with Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or  
3 "Company").

4 A. My name is Jared L. Ellsworth and my business  
5 address is 1221 West Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho 83702. I am  
6 employed by Idaho Power as the Transmission, Distribution &  
7 Resource Planning Director for the Planning, Engineering &  
8 Construction Department.

9 Q. Please describe your educational background.

10 A. I graduated in 2004 and 2010 from the  
11 University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, receiving a Bachelor  
12 of Science Degree and Master of Engineering Degree in  
13 Electrical Engineering, respectively. I am a licensed  
14 professional engineer in the State of Idaho.

15 Q. Please describe your work experience with  
16 Idaho Power.

17 A. In 2004, I was hired as a Distribution  
18 Planning engineer in the Company's Delivery Planning  
19 department. In 2007, I moved into the System Planning  
20 department, where my principal responsibilities included  
21 planning for bulk high-voltage transmission and substation  
22 projects, generation interconnection projects, and North  
23 American Electric Reliability Corporation's ("NERC")  
24 reliability compliance standards. I transitioned into the  
25 Transmission Policy & Development group with a similar

1 role, and in 2013, I spent a year cross-training with the  
2 Company's Load Serving Operations group. In 2014, I was  
3 promoted to Engineering Leader of the Transmission Policy &  
4 Development department and assumed leadership of the System  
5 Planning group in 2018. In early 2020, I was promoted into  
6 my current role as the Transmission, Distribution and  
7 Resource Planning Director. I am currently responsible for  
8 the planning of the Company's wires and resources to  
9 continue to provide customers with cost-effective and  
10 reliable electrical service.

11 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this  
12 case?

13 A. The purpose of my testimony is to (1) inform  
14 the Idaho Public Utility Commission ("Commission") of recent  
15 improvements in the determination of the capacity  
16 contribution of supply-side and demand-side resources,  
17 developed as part of the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan  
18 ("IRP") planning process, and how such improvements have  
19 impacted the evaluation of Idaho Power's Demand Response  
20 ("DR") portfolio, (2) explain the analysis used to identify  
21 the proposed DR portfolio operating parameters using an  
22 enhanced risk-based methodology, and (3) describe how the  
23 economic value of the DR portfolio was determined and how  
24 that economic value was used to inform the program  
25 compensation modifications presented in this case.

1           **I. IRP CHANGES IMPACTING DEMAND RESPONSE EVALUATION**

2           Q.       Generally, how has DR been considered as a  
3 resource in the Company's planning process?

4           A.       Historically, the Company has evaluated the  
5 maximum operational potential of its existing DR resources  
6 by their ability to meet the peak demand hour (peak load)  
7 during the summer months of June through August throughout  
8 the IRP planning horizon. This is consistent with how  
9 traditional supply-side resources have been evaluated.

10          Q.       How did the methodology used to analyze the  
11 Company's capacity value of DR change following the 2019  
12 IRP?

13          A.       When determining the capacity value of the  
14 Company's DR portfolio in the 2019 IRP, the calculation was  
15 based on the DR portfolio's ability to be utilized during  
16 the top one-hundred system load hours given the program  
17 parameters.

18                 Moving into the 2021 IRP planning process, the  
19 Company adopted a risk-based methodology, known as  
20 Effective Load Carrying Capability ("ELCC"), to evaluate  
21 the capacity contribution of the Company's existing  
22 resources, expected future resources (including variable  
23 resources), and DR. This method evaluates the Company's  
24 load and resource balance at the time of the highest-risk  
25 hours, rather than only analyzing a resource's ability to

1 meet peak load.

2 Q. Why is the Company proposing to evaluate its  
3 load and resource balance using the ELCC risk-based  
4 methodology rather than the capacity planning method based  
5 on system peak load?

6 A. As previously mentioned, Idaho Power's  
7 planning process historically focused on ensuring adequate  
8 resources were available to meet the overall system peak  
9 load. Due to the penetration of solar, wind, and other  
10 variable resources connected to the Idaho Power system, the  
11 primary hours of need for additional resources, or the  
12 highest-risk Loss-of-Load Probability ("LOLP") hours, are  
13 no longer expected to align with the hours of Idaho Power's  
14 system peak load.

15 Q. What is LOLP?

16 A. LOLP is the statistical likelihood, between  
17 zero and one, of the system demand exceeding the available  
18 generating capacity during a given time period, typically  
19 an hour. The LOLP for an hour can be calculated by  
20 comparing the system net load to a statistically derived  
21 resource capacity probability distribution curve for any  
22 given hour. The resource capacity probability distribution  
23 curve is the probability (based on resource capacities,  
24 historical resource availability, and statistical forced  
25 outage rates) the Company will have more than a certain

1 amount of generation available to it at any given time.

2 Q. What is net load?

3 A. Net load is the total system load minus any  
4 non-controllable resources, i.e., generation that is either  
5 (1) not controlled by Idaho Power, or (2) has limited or  
6 zero flexibility. Examples of generation resources Idaho  
7 Power does not have operational control over are wind,  
8 solar, and PURPA resources. Run-of-river hydro is an  
9 example of a resource with limited flexibility.

10 Q. How do the highest-risk LOLP hours compare to  
11 the time of the system peak load?

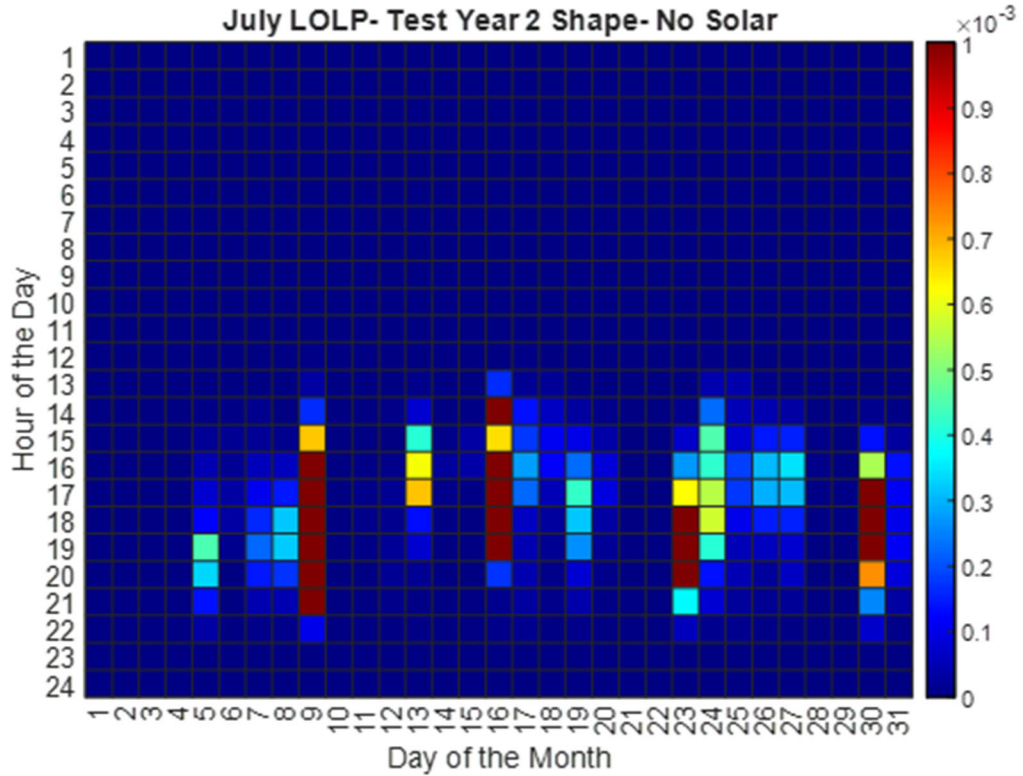
12 A. In the preliminary 2021 IRP analyses, the  
13 highest-risk LOLP hours have been shown to shift to later  
14 in the day when solar sees an output reduction. As more  
15 solar comes on to the Company's system, the Company expects  
16 the LOLP of the evening solar-ramping-hours to increase and  
17 drive the need for additional resources later in the day.

18 Charts 1 through 4 depict Idaho Power's LOLP hours  
19 under various solar resource scenarios and how the highest-  
20 risk hours begin to shift as more solar is added to the  
21 system. While the time of the Company's system peak load  
22 has historically occurred between 5:00pm and 8:00pm, the  
23 highest-risk hours are expected to occur between 7:00pm and  
24 10:00pm, with some medium-risk hours leading up to 7:00pm  
25 and from 10:00pm to 11:00pm, over the 2021 IRP planning

1 horizon.

2           Chart 1 reflects July's hourly LOLP with no solar  
3 resources. The highest-risk hours are between 3:00pm and  
4 8:00pm.

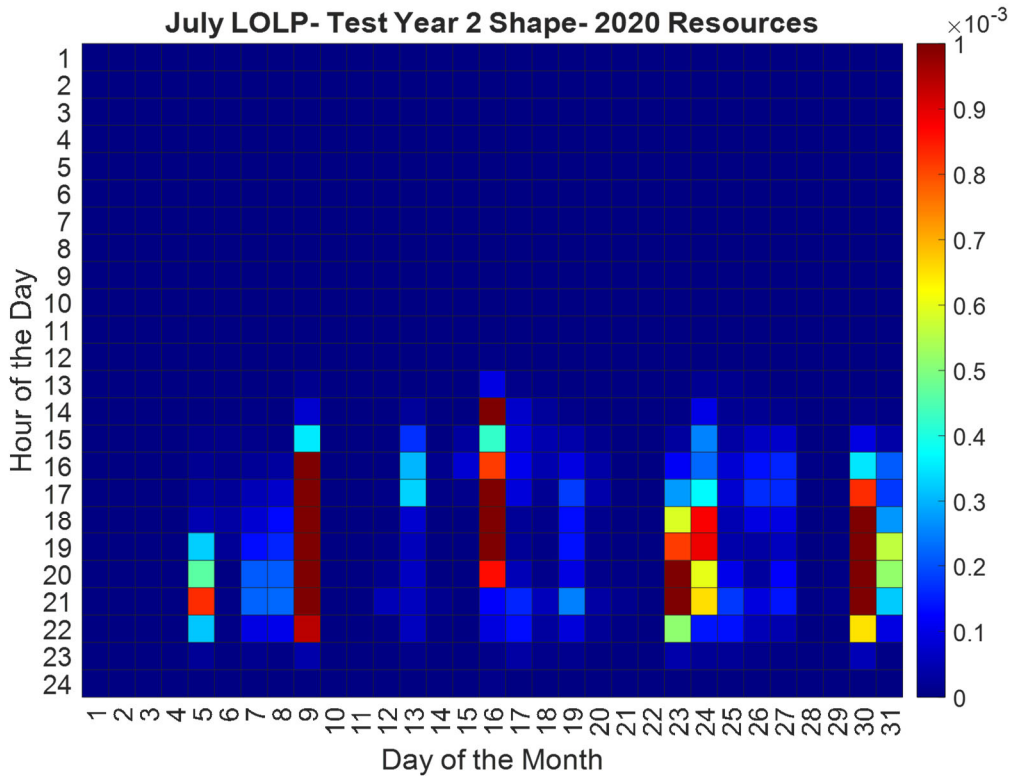
5 **Chart 1. July LOLP - Test Year 2 Shape - No Solar Resources**  
6 **and No Demand Response**



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1            Chart 2 reflects July's hourly LOLP with 316  
 2 Megawatts ("MW") of solar resources on the system, which is  
 3 reflective of the current solar capacity in 2020. The  
 4 highest-risk hours of need shift later in the day from  
 5 4:00pm to 9:00pm.

6 **Chart 2. July LOLP - Test Year 2 Shape - 2020 Solar**  
 7 **Resources and No Demand Response**

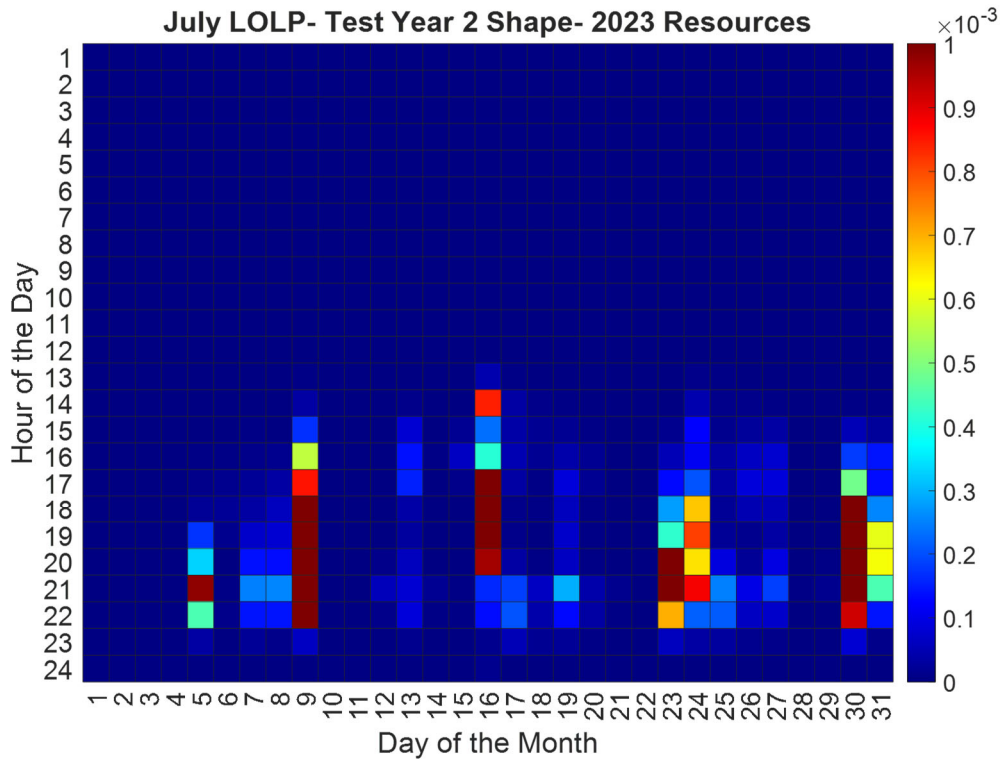


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1            Chart 3 reflects July's hourly LOLP with 436 MW of  
 2 solar resources on the system, which includes the 120 MW  
 3 expected from the Jackpot Solar Project in 2023. The  
 4 highest-risk hours continue to shift later in the day,  
 5 moving to 5:00pm to 10:00pm. This scenario also shows the  
 6 10:00pm and 11:00pm hours starting to have a higher risk  
 7 probability.

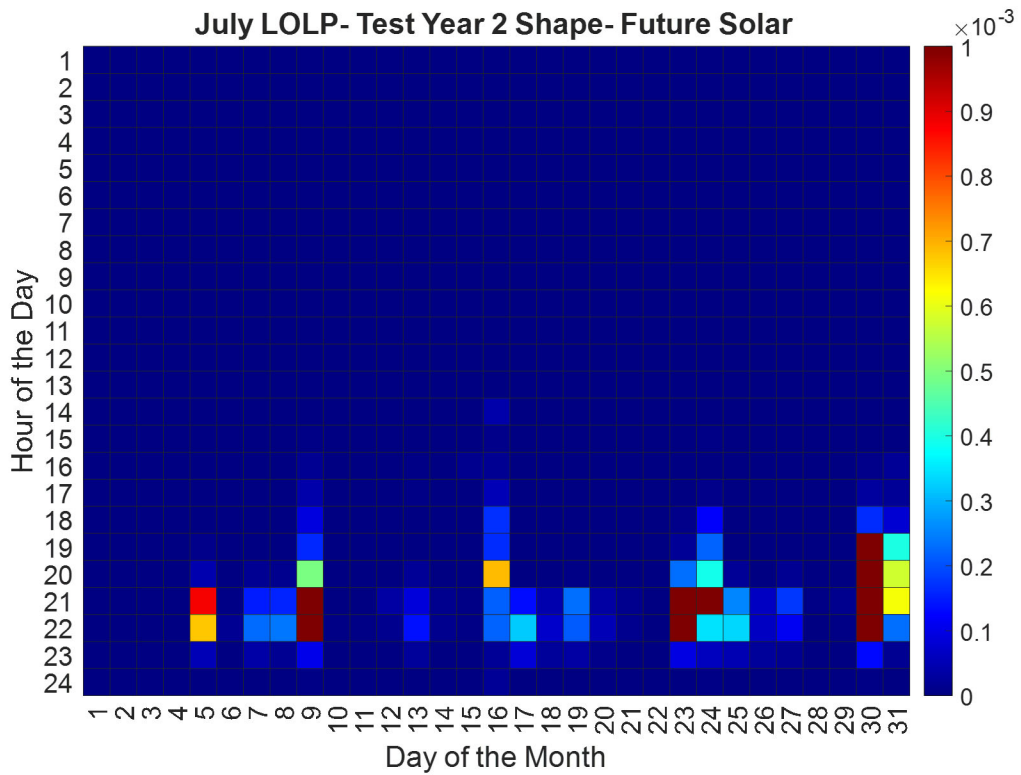
8 **Chart 3. July LOLP - Test Year 2 Shape - 2023 Solar**  
 9 **Resources and No Demand Response**



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1 Finally, Chart 4 reflects July's hourly LOLP with 836  
 2 MW of solar resources on the system, which includes 400  
 3 additional MW as compared to the connected 2023 solar  
 4 capacity and is potentially reflective of the future system  
 5 as solar becomes more prevalent. The highest-risk hours  
 6 really condense into the later hours of the day.

7 **Chart 4. July LOLP - Test Year 2 Shape - Future Solar and**  
 8 **No Demand Response**



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1 Q. Why does the Company believe the ELCC method  
2 is appropriate for resource planning purposes?

3 A. The assumption that the highest-risk hours of  
4 capacity shortfall directly correspond with the hours of  
5 highest load is only valid for a system with little or no  
6 variable resource penetration. With the Company's existing  
7 resources, and the projected additions of more variable  
8 resources coming onto the system, the hours of highest-risk  
9 will not necessarily align with the hours of highest load.  
10 The Company believes that the ELCC method accurately  
11 captures the Company's future resource adequacy risks. The  
12 ELCC method still considers DR's ability to contribute  
13 capacity given the program parameters, but the hours of  
14 need are identified using probabilistic and statistical  
15 methods as opposed to utilizing the top one-hundred system  
16 load hours.

17 Q. How is ELCC applied in the resource planning  
18 process?

19 A. ELCC is a reliability-based metric used to  
20 determine the peak capacity credit of any given resource  
21 and captures an individual generator's contribution to  
22 overall system reliability. It is primarily driven by the  
23 timing of high-risk LOLP hours. For example, a generator  
24 that contributes a significant level of capacity during  
25 high-risk LOLP hours will have a higher ELCC than a

1 resource that delivers the same capacity during medium to  
2 low-risk LOLP hours. Utilizing multiple test years, ELCC  
3 values are determined and assigned to existing and  
4 selectable resources in the Aurora model for different  
5 scenarios, sensitivities, and portfolios in the IRP.

6 Q. How is ELCC used to calculate the capacity  
7 contribution of various resources?

8 A. The ELCC of a resource is determined through a  
9 multi-step process. First, the Company calculates the  
10 perfect generation, in MW, required for the system to  
11 achieve a Loss-of-Load Expectation ("LOLE") of 0.05 days  
12 per year with all market purchases set equal to zero. An  
13 LOLE of 0.05 days per year represents the statistical  
14 probability that the Company's available generation  
15 capacity is only insufficient to serve demand one time in  
16 the span of twenty years. Next, the resource being  
17 evaluated is added to the system and the Company once again  
18 calculates the perfect generation required to meet the same  
19 LOLE threshold. The perfect generation of the system with  
20 the resource is subtracted from the perfect generation of  
21 the system without the resource and then divided by the  
22 evaluated resource's nameplate capacity to obtain the  
23 resource's ELCC as shown in the equation below.

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$$\text{ELCC} = \frac{\text{PG}_1 - \text{PG}_2}{\text{Resource}_{\text{NP}}}$$

2 **PG<sub>1</sub> = Perfect generation required to achieve LOLE of 0.05 days/year without including evaluated resource**

**PG<sub>2</sub> = Perfect generation required to achieve LOLE of 0.05 days/year when including evaluated resource**

**Resource<sub>NP</sub> = Nameplate capacity of the evaluated resource**

3 Q. What is the difference between LOLP and LOLE?

4 A. LOLP identifies high and low-risk hours in  
5 regards to system load exceeding generation capacity, and  
6 the maximum LOLP from each day over the course of 365 days  
7 are summed together to calculate the LOLE.

8 Q. What is an Equivalent Forced Outage Rate  
9 ("EFOR") and how is it incorporated into the ELCC  
10 methodology?

11 A. An EFOR represents the number of hours a  
12 generation unit is forced off-line compared to the number  
13 of hours the unit runs (planned maintenance is not factored  
14 into a unit's EFOR). For example, an EFOR of 3 percent  
15 means a generator is forced off, or incurs an unplanned  
16 outage, 3 percent of its running time. A perfect generator  
17 is a generation unit whose EFOR value is 0 percent, meaning  
18 that it is always available and never forced off-line. A  
19 perfect resource does not actually exist in practice, but  
20 it is used as a "standard" to enable ease of comparison  
21 between different generation options.

22 Q. What LOLE threshold is the Company planning to  
23 utilize in the 2021 IRP?

1           A.       In the 2021 IRP, the Company will plan for an  
2 LOLE threshold of 0.05 days per year, which represents a  
3 statistical probability of the Company being resource  
4 insufficient one day in twenty years. The two primary  
5 reasons the Company ultimately chose to plan for a 0.05  
6 days per year LOLE threshold are:

7           (1) The Company operates a power system highly  
8 dependent on hydroelectric resources, which can vary  
9 dramatically from year-to-year due to water conditions. A  
10 poor water year can significantly affect hydroelectric  
11 resource availability, especially during summer months.

12           (2) The LOLE methodology utilizes historical data to  
13 make forward looking decisions. Recently, weather extremes  
14 have been occurring with greater frequency. Therefore, by  
15 planning for an LOLE of 0.05 days per year, the Company  
16 expects to be able to maintain a similar level of  
17 reliability that Idaho Power's customers and regulators  
18 expect moving forward.

19           Q.       How are different resource types modeled in  
20 the LOLE calculation?

21           A.       Idaho Power's resources are split into three  
22 primary categories: dispatchable resources, non-  
23 controllable resources, and energy-limited resources.

24           Idaho Power's dispatchable resources include the  
25 Hells Canyon Complex, natural gas plants, Bridger and Valmy

1 coal plants, and various transmission assets. These  
2 resources are modeled using a monthly outage table that  
3 factors in their generating capacities and EFORs.

4 Non-controllable resources are modeled by using four  
5 years of historical hourly output data to provide realistic  
6 weather shapes. Non-controllable resources are resources for  
7 which Idaho Power does not have direct operational control  
8 over such as wind, solar, dairy digestors, non-wind and  
9 non-solar PURPA projects, run-of-river hydroelectric  
10 plants, and geothermal generation.

11 Dispatch shapes for energy-limited resources such as  
12 battery storage and DR are created based on net load  
13 explained later in my testimony.

14 Q. What did the Company find when evaluating its  
15 existing DR programs utilizing the ELCC method?

16 A. The existing DR programs, as structured, are not  
17 effective at meeting system needs over the planning  
18 horizon. As more fully described below, certain parameters  
19 of the existing programs, specifically the current dispatch  
20 hours and the program season, limited the effectiveness of  
21 DR as a resource.

22 **II. PROPOSED DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAM PARAMETERS**

23 Q. How were the existing DR programs evaluated  
24 using the LOLP and ELCC methodology?

1           A.       Idaho Power conducted the ELCC analysis on the  
2 current DR programs to identify how effective they are at  
3 meeting future high-risk LOLP hours.

4           The ELCC of DR was calculated using a multi-step  
5 process. First, every day in a test year was sorted from  
6 highest to lowest based on their net peak load in MW.  
7 Second, a daily MW target was set for each day based on the  
8 highest net load hour within the day and the size of the  
9 dispatchable DR group. The Company determined that an  
10 approximate 50 MW group size results in a capacity amount  
11 that is operationally manageable yet still large enough to  
12 have a meaningful impact on reducing system load. It also  
13 most closely aligns with how Idaho Power's Load Serving  
14 Operations group dispatches the programs.

15           After sorting the days and establishing a daily  
16 target, the analysis identified if the day was within the  
17 DR season's start and end dates and if the day was not a  
18 weekend or holiday. If the day met the DR program  
19 parameters, the algorithm would analyze each hour of the  
20 day and compare the hourly net load with the daily target.  
21 If the net load was above the target, the function would  
22 dispatch DR MW groups in that hour. The algorithm then  
23 iterates over the remaining hours in that day until DR had  
24 been dispatched to reduce the net load for each of the  
25 hours initially above the daily target, or DR capacity had



1 been exhausted. After completing one day, the algorithm re-  
2 sorts all of the remaining days in the test year by net  
3 peak load and repeats the process. In this manner, the  
4 algorithm dispatches the DR programs in a way that  
5 maximizes their usage and effectiveness. The algorithm  
6 lastly creates a dispatch pattern by adding all the groups  
7 into a single load shape.

8           The ELCC of DR is obtained by first determining the  
9 perfect generation needed to achieve an LOLE of 0.05 days  
10 per year without any DR on the system. Next, the DR load  
11 shape derived using the algorithm described above is added  
12 to the system, and the perfect generation is calculated  
13 again. The ELCC of DR is then calculated by taking the  
14 difference between the two perfect generation values and  
15 dividing it by the DR portfolio's nameplate capacity.

16           Q           Describe the algorithm the Company utilized in  
17 the analysis.

18           A.           The Company internally developed the LOLE  
19 MATLAB® algorithm within the MATLAB® software it is  
20 utilizing for the IRP planning process. The algorithm is  
21 computationally intensive, composed of several scripts, and  
22 requires specialized software to effectively and accurately  
23 run the calculations that model Idaho Power's existing and  
24 future resources.

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1 Q. What was the result of the ELCC analysis for  
2 the Company's existing DR programs?

3 A. Using the current program parameters, the ELCC  
4 of a 380 MW DR portfolio is estimated to be approximately  
5 17 percent. That is, of the total 380 MW DR portfolio  
6 capacity, only 65 MW can be relied upon to meet the  
7 highest-risk LOLP hours. The analysis was completed by  
8 evaluating the current DR programs over four historical  
9 test years. The historical test years were used for weather  
10 shaping, scaled to have the same peak load as the  
11 forecasted 2023 system peak, and included the known solar  
12 resources that will be online in 2023 such as the 120 MW  
13 Jackpot Solar Project.

14 Table 1 below shows the resulting ELCC value for  
15 each test year and the average value across those years.  
16 Based on this analysis, and given the current program  
17 parameters, the current DR portfolio is expected to only be  
18 17 percent effective in meeting high-risk LOLP hours.

19 **Table 1. Current Demand Response Program ELCC**

Test Year	Current Demand Response ELCC (%)
Test Year 1	14.21%
Test Year 2	33.20%
Test Year 3	12.10%
Test Year 4	7.90%
Average	16.84%

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1 Q. How were the proposed DR program parameters  
2 determined?

3 A. Recognizing that the existing program  
4 parameters may limit the effectiveness of DR, the Company  
5 conducted several sensitivity analyses to determine the  
6 parameter adjustments needed to more effectively meet high-  
7 risk LOLP hours. These analyses were performed by modifying  
8 several program criteria and evaluating the impact to the  
9 ELCC of the DR portfolio. The program criteria studied for  
10 each program included events per week, events per season,  
11 time available, length of program season, and total hours  
12 dispatched per week.

13 Q. What DR program parameters did the Company  
14 conclude will more effectively meet future high-risk LOLP  
15 hours?

16 A. The sensitivity analyses concluded that the  
17 dispatch times available and the length of program season  
18 were the two parameters that had the highest impact on the  
19 ELCC of DR. Therefore, the proposed parameters that more  
20 effectively meet future high-risk LOLP hours were  
21 determined as outlined in Table 2 below.

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1 **Table 2. Current and Proposed Demand Response Program**  
 2 **Parameters**

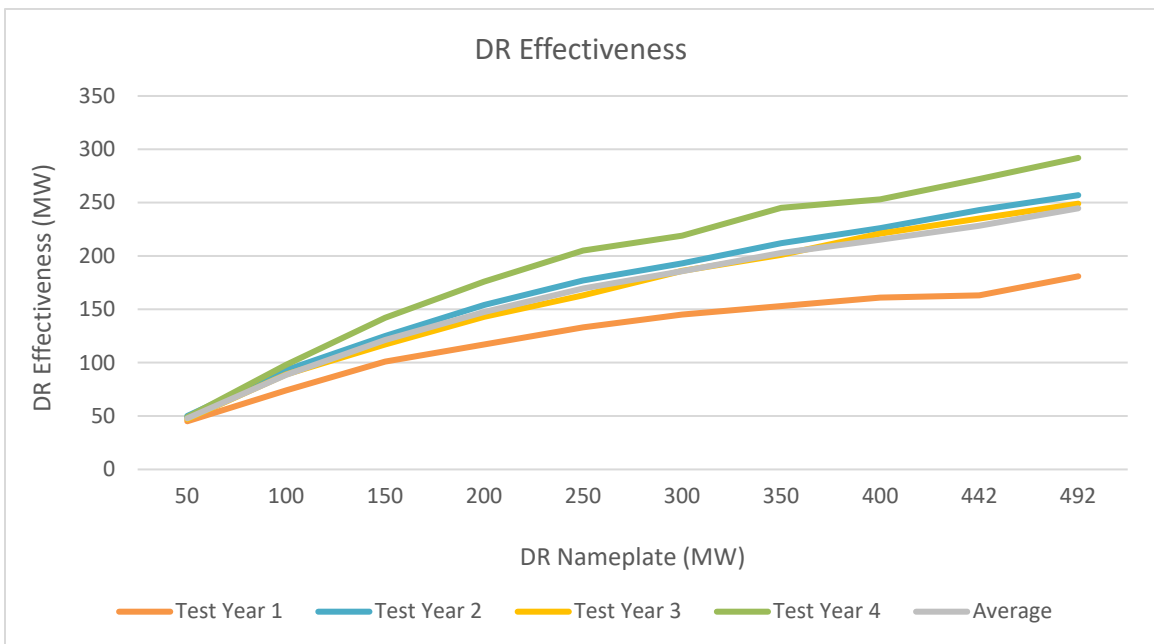
Parameter	Current Parameters	Proposed Parameters
Events per Week	15 hours	16 hours
Events per Season	60 hours	60 hours
Time Available	1:00pm to 9:00pm	3:00pm to 11:00pm
Season Dates	June 15 <sup>th</sup> to August 15 <sup>th</sup>	June 15 <sup>th</sup> to September 15 <sup>th</sup>
Holidays	No holidays	No holidays

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4 Q. Did Idaho Power analyze the effectiveness of  
 5 varying levels of DR capacity?

6 A. Yes. As shown in Chart 5, the Company analyzed  
 7 the effectiveness of DR capacity in 50 MW increments. The  
 8 chart shows that DR effectiveness, and therefore ELCC,  
 9 diminishes as DR nameplate capacity increases.

10 **Chart 5. DR Effectiveness vs DR Nameplate Capacity**



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1 Q. What is the ELCC of the DR portfolio using the  
2 proposed parameters?

3 A. The ELCC of DR is dependent on the nameplate  
4 capacity of the program as shown in Chart 5. While the  
5 nameplate of the proposed DR portfolio is still unknown,  
6 the Company estimates the approximate ELCC of a DR  
7 portfolio with the proposed parameters to be 56 percent  
8 with a 380 MW nameplate capacity. This would be  
9 approximately a 40 percent improvement in effectiveness  
10 from the current program parameters. As mentioned earlier,  
11 the main drivers of the increased effectiveness are the  
12 shift in the dispatch time period and extending the program  
13 season by one month to September 15th.

14 **III. COST-EFFECTIVENESS COMPONENTS**

15 Q. Please explain how the primary inputs to the  
16 proposed economic evaluation described in Mr. Nesbitt's  
17 testimony were determined.

18 A. The three components of the proposed  
19 alternative cost calculation are (1) the levelized capacity  
20 fixed costs of a proxy resource, (2) the additional system  
21 benefits of the proxy resource, and (3) the ELCC of the  
22 annual DR nameplate capacity compared to a proxy resource.

23 Q. Describe how the value of the levelized  
24 capacity fixed costs of a proxy resource was determined.

1           A.       The proxy resource used to evaluate the cost-  
2 effectiveness of the proposed DR programs was a Simple-  
3 Cycle Combustion Turbine ("SCCT"). Through the 2021 IRP  
4 resource costing process, the 2022 levelized fixed cost  
5 value was determined to be \$131.60 per kW per year. This  
6 value represents the fixed cost per kW per year if the  
7 Company were to build the SCCT instead of running the DR  
8 programs.

9           Q.       Describe how a value for the additional system  
10 benefits of the proxy resource is determined.

11           A.       Because an SCCT is not restricted to operate  
12 for only a defined number of hours like DR, it provides  
13 additional benefits and reliability to the Company's  
14 system. To determine the approximate value of the  
15 additional benefit, the Company completed a Production Cost  
16 Model ("PCM") in Aurora by including the SCCT and DR in two  
17 separate runs of a 2019 IRP PCM subset. The additional  
18 system benefits of the SCCT over the first 5 years of the  
19 planning horizon equated to \$38.11 per kW per year compared  
20 to an equally effective 492 MW DR portfolio. The Company  
21 believes calculating the additional benefit value is  
22 important because it identifies the economic value a supply  
23 side resource has beyond the system benefits DR can  
24 provide.

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1 Q. Describe how the ELCC of the annual DR  
2 nameplate capacity compared to a proxy resource is  
3 determined.

4 A. The ELCC of the annual DR nameplate capacity  
5 is calculated by first obtaining the amount of perfect  
6 generation displaced by the proposed DR programs, i.e. DR's  
7 perfect resource effectiveness. An SCCT is not a perfect  
8 generator and has an EFOR greater than zero. By using the  
9 same ELCC methodology, but factoring in an SCCT's EFOR, the  
10 Company can determine the size of an effective-equivalent  
11 SCCT to the DR portfolio's perfect resource effectiveness.  
12 The  $ELCC_{SCCT}$  of the DR programs is calculated by taking the  
13 quotient between the capacity of the effective-equivalent  
14 SCCT and the DR nameplate capacity. Using a 492 MW DR  
15 portfolio, the effective equivalent SCCT's nameplate was  
16 determined to be 272 MW based on the Company's projected  
17 2023 load and resource balance. This results in an  $ELCC_{SCCT}$   
18 of 55 percent given a DR portfolio capacity of 492 MW ( $272$   
19  $MW \div 492 MW = 55\%$ ).

20 Q. Why is the Company utilizing 492 MW as the  
21 maximum nameplate DR in its economic evaluation analysis?

22 A. The Company utilized a Northwest Power and  
23 Conservation Council ("NWPPCC") assessment<sup>1</sup> of DR potential

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<sup>1</sup> 2021 Northwest Power Plan Supporting Material - Demand Response.  
Council Document 21-5 (September 2021) available at  
[https://www.nwcouncil.org/2021powerplan\\_demand-response](https://www.nwcouncil.org/2021powerplan_demand-response)

1 for the Northwest region to determine the DR potential that  
2 may be available in Idaho Power's service area. The Company  
3 concluded that Idaho Power's service area has 584 MW of DR  
4 potential as shown in Exhibit 1 to my testimony. From the  
5 584 MW of potential, the Company determined that 492 MW  
6 would have similar program parameters such as seasonal  
7 restrictions, hours per year, etc. Therefore, 492 MW of  
8 traditional nameplate DR can be modeled using the same ELCC  
9 methodology, and the results can be utilized to establish  
10 programs and incentives that will remain cost-effective as  
11 the size of the DR portfolio changes over the planning  
12 horizon.

13 Q. Will the Company perform any additional  
14 analysis to validate the value of DR in the 2021 IRP?

15 A. Yes. The Company intends to perform an  
16 updated analysis to validate that DR provides system value.  
17 The Company intends to run a PCM in Aurora with the  
18 proposed DR programs through the IRP planning horizon. This  
19 PCM will be based on the preferred portfolio in the  
20 Company's 2021 IRP. A second PCM run will be performed that  
21 will replace the proposed DR programs with an effective-  
22 equivalent SCCT. The total PCM cost over the time horizon  
23 will be compared between the two runs. The extra benefit  
24 that the SCCT provides (in dollars per kW per year) will be  
25 calculated by taking the difference of the run with the



1 effective-equivalent SCCT and the run with the proposed DR  
2 portfolio each year and dividing it by the capacity of the  
3 effective-equivalent SCCT.

4 Q. Has the Company determined how it will  
5 evaluate existing and expanded DR in future IRPs?

6 A. Yes. Through the coordination of both this  
7 filing and the upcoming 2021 IRP filing, the Company has  
8 determined that for the 2021 IRP, it will evaluate DR in  
9 the IRP modeling process by utilizing the 584 MW of DR  
10 potential identified in the NWPCC assessment.

11 The 584 MW of DR potential will consider a  
12 conservative estimate of 300 MW of capacity from the  
13 modified DR programs. Therefore, a maximum of  
14 approximately an additional 280 MW of DR (584-300 MW  
15 rounded down) will be available for selection in the Aurora  
16 model when analyzing the future load and resource balance.  
17 The additional DR capacity will be divided into 20 MW  
18 bundles and available for selection up to the 280 MW  
19 threshold.

20 For future IRPs, the Company intends to evaluate the  
21 possibility of conducting an Idaho Power specific potential  
22 study to evaluate the DR potential in its service area.

23 Q. How did the Company determine the 300 MW of DR  
24 capacity to be included as a committed resource in the 2021  
25 IRP analysis?

1           A.       Because the Company's DR programs are existing  
2 resources that have been included in past IRP analyses, the  
3 Company needed to determine a committed capacity value for  
4 inclusion in the 2021 IRP model. As described in Mr.  
5 Nesbitt's testimony, the Company expects there will be an  
6 impact to DR participation as a result of the proposed  
7 parameter changes. Therefore, the Company took a  
8 conservative approach by adjusting the current 380 MW  
9 capacity of the DR programs to 300 MW.

10           If the DR portfolio was to have a nameplate capacity  
11 of 300 MW, the ELCC of the DR portfolio would increase to  
12 63 percent from 56 percent with a 380 MW DR portfolio.  
13 Table 3 below shows the ELCC for each test year and the  
14 average across those years for a DR portfolio with the  
15 proposed parameters and a capacity of 300 MW.

16 **Table 3. Proposed Demand Response Portfolio ELCC (300 MW**  
17 **Capacity)**

Test Year	Proposed Demand Response ELCC (%)
Test Year 1	51.33%
Test Year 2	64.00%
Test Year 3	62.00%
Test Year 4	74.33%
Average	62.92%

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19           A 300 MW DR portfolio will result in a 189 MW  
20 capacity contribution to the 2022 load and resource balance  
21 (300 MW x 62.92% = 189 MW).

1 Q. How will the Company proceed if the IRP  
2 selects the 20 MW bundles of additional DR for the future  
3 load and resource balance?

4 A. If the 2021 IRP model selects additional 20 MW  
5 DR bundles in future years, the Company will work  
6 internally, and with the Energy Efficiency Advisory Group,  
7 to determine the best course of action on DR expansion. The  
8 Company will evaluate potential options such as increasing  
9 the capacity of current DR programs or adding new programs  
10 to the Company's DR portfolio.

11 **IV. CONCLUSION**

12 Q. Please summarize your testimony.

13 A. The Company has applied an enhanced risk-based  
14 capacity planning methodology to determine new proposed  
15 operating parameters that will greatly improve the ability  
16 of DR to meet future high-risk LOLP hours. The Company then  
17 built upon this new planning methodology to develop a  
18 proposed economic valuation calculation to inform program  
19 compensation levels and cost-effectiveness. The Company  
20 believes that the enhanced analysis has identified changes  
21 that improve the DR programs to the benefit of customers,  
22 the system, and meeting future resource needs.

23 Q. Does this complete your testimony?

24 A. Yes, it does.

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**DECLARATION OF JARED L. ELLSWORTH**

I, Jared L. Ellsworth, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Idaho:

1. My name is Jared L. Ellsworth. I am employed by Idaho Power Company as the Transmission, Distribution & Resource Planning Director for the Planning, Engineering & Construction Department.

2. On behalf of Idaho Power, I present this pre-filed direct testimony and Exhibit No. 1 in this matter.

3. To the best of my knowledge, my pre-filed direct testimony and exhibit are true and accurate.

I hereby declare that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand it is made for use as evidence before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and is subject to penalty for perjury.

SIGNED this 1st day of October 2021, at Boise, Idaho.

Signed:



IPC Demand Response Potential Analysis Based on NWPPC's Draft 2021 Northwest Power Plan (September 2021)

IPC Potential Based on Program Type		
Product	2041 NWPPC Ramped Achievable Potential MW by Year by Product	Idaho Power MW Allocation <sup>1</sup>
ResCPP	251.4	29.9
ComCPP	134.1	15.9
IndCPP	108.7	12.9
IndRTP	24.2	2.9
ResERWHDLCGrd	867.3	103.1
ResERWHDLCswch	76.5	9.1
ResBYOT	63.1	7.5
NRCoolSwchMed	48.1	5.7
NRTstatSm	23.0	2.7
NRCoolSwchSm	15.2	1.8
NRirrSmMed	464.0	55.2
NRirrLg	393.7	46.8
ResACSwch	194.1	23.1
NRCurtailInd	174.1	20.7
NRCurtailCom	38.7	4.6
DVR	560.9	66.7
ResTOU	214.0	25.4
ResEVSEDLCSwch	72.3	8.6
ResHPWHDLCGrd	6.3	0.7
ResHPWHDLCswch	0.8	0.1
<b>MW Total</b>	<b>3,730</b>	<b>443</b>

Adjusted IPC Potential Based on Program Type <sup>2</sup>		
Product	Summer Achievable Potential (MW)	Idaho Power MW Allocation <sup>3</sup>
ResCPP	251.4	29.9
ComCPP	134.1	15.9
IndCPP	108.7	12.9
IndRTP	24.2	2.9
ResERWHDLCGrd	867.3	103.1
ResERWHDLCswch	76.5	9.1
ResBYOT	63.1	7.5
NRCoolSwchMed	48.1	5.7
NRTstatSm	23.0	2.7
NRCoolSwchSm	15.2	1.8
NRirrSmMed	0.0	0.0
NRirrLg	0.0	0.0
ResACSwch	0.0	0.0
NRCurtailInd	0.0	0.0
NRCurtailCom	0.0	0.0
DVR	560.9	66.7
ResTOU	214.0	25.4
ResEVSEDLCSwch	0.0	0.0
ResHPWHDLCGrd	0.0	0.0
ResHPWHDLCswch	0.0	0.0
<b>MW Total</b>	<b>2,386</b>	<b>284</b>

IPC DR Potential Allocation	NWPPC Region (MW)	IPC Service Area (MW)	IPC Allocation Ratio (%) <sup>4</sup>
System Peak	31,125	3,700	11.89%
DR Potential	2,386	284	n/a

**Potential (MW)**

IPC Estimated Minimum DR Capacity with Proposed Changes		300
IPC Service Area DR Potential	+	284
<b>IPC DR Total Potential</b>		<b>584</b>
Possible Future Programs with Different ELCC <sup>5</sup>	-	92
<b>IPC Traditional DR Potential</b>		<b>492</b>

**Legend**

Pricing Program
Possible Future Program
Current IPC Program
Possible Future Program with different ELCC
High Cost Program

(1) Multiplied by 11.89% allocation ratio

(2) Removes potential from current IPC programs and programs considered to be high cost

(3) Multiplied by 11.89% allocation ratio

(4) Calculated by taking IPC's proportion of the region's system peak ( $3,700 \div 31,125 = 11.89\%$ )

(5)  $DVR + ResTOU = \text{Future Programs with Different ELCC}$  ( $66.7 + 25.4 = 92.1$ )