BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF AN ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT WITH LOWER LOWLINE LLC, FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF ELECTIC ENERGY FROM THE LOWLINE #2 HYDRO PROJECT CASE NO. IPC-E-22-28 NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 35620

On November 9, 2022, Idaho Power Company ("Company") applied for approval or rejection of an energy sales agreement ("ESA") with Lower Lowline LLC ("Seller") for the energy generated by the Lowline #2 Hydro Project ("Facility"). The Facility is a qualifying facility ("QF") under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA"). The Company requests this matter be processed by Modified Procedure with an effective date of April 30, 2023.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and sets deadlines for interested persons to comment on the Application and for the Company to reply.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Facility is near Twin Falls, Idaho and has a 2,790 kilowatt ("KW") nameplate capacity.¹ The Seller has been delivering energy from the Facility to the Company under a firm energy sales agreement entered into on September 12, 1986. The 1986 energy sales agreement expires on April 30, 2023. The new ESA has a 20-year term with non-levelized, seasonal hydro published avoided cost rates as set in Order No. 35422 and confirmed as correct in Order No. 35475. The Seller would receive capacity payments for the entire 20-year term under the ESA.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the ESA requires the Seller to estimate net energy and also adopts a "five-day advanced notice for adjusting Estimated Net Energy Amounts for purposes of complying with 90/110 firmness requirements." Application at 8.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests the Commission approve the ESA and declare all payments for the purchase of energy under the ESA be allowed as prudently incurred expenses for ratemaking purposes.

¹ The nameplate capacity remains unchanged from the 1986 energy sales agreement.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and the ESA are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's website at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click on the "ELECTRIC" icon, select "Open 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.

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 it will review the case through written submissions under the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201-204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. 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 persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why they support or oppose the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until January 4, 2023, to file written comments**. Comments must be filed through the Commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission's website at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click the "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. To file by e-mail, the customer must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company and Seller must file any reply comments on or before January 11, 2023.

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 formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by January 4, 2023. The Company and Seller must file any reply comments by January 11, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 12th day of December 2022.

ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

JOHN CHATBURN, COMMISSIONER

JOHN R. HAMMOND, JR., COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jan Noriyuki Commission Secretary

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