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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Boise, Idaho 83714

Re: Case No. IPC-E-24-28
Lowline #2 Hydro Project
Idaho Power Company's Application for Approval of a Second Amendment
to the Energy Sales Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Electric Energy
from the Lowline #2 Hydro Project

Dear Commission Secretary:

Attached for electronic filing is Idaho Power Company's Application in the above-entitled matter. If you have any questions about the attached documents, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Goicoechea Allen".

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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)	CASE NO. IPC-E-24-28
APPROVAL OF A SECOND AMENDMENT)	
TO THE ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT)	APPLICATION
FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF)	
ELECTRIC ENERGY FROM THE LOWLINE)	
#2 HYDRO PROJECT.)	
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Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power” or “Company”), in accordance with Idaho Public Utilities Commissions (“Commission”) Rule of Procedure¹ 52 and the applicable provisions of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”), hereby respectfully applies to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for an order approving the Second Amendment (“Second Amendment”) to the Energy Sales Agreement (“ESA”) between Idaho Power and Lower Lowline LLC (“Seller”) under which Seller sells and

¹ Hereinafter cited as RP.

Idaho Power purchases electric energy generated by the Seller's Lowline #2 Hydro Project ("Facility" or "Project"), which is a PURPA Qualifying Facility.

In support of this Application, Idaho Power represents as follows:

I. BACKGROUND

1. Idaho Power and the Seller (jointly, "Parties") entered into a replacement ESA on October 13, 2022, for the purchase and sale of energy produced by the Facility and a First Amendment to the ESA on April 7, 2023, to clarify the description of the Facility in the Agreement and revise Article XXIII Modification to address scenarios involving Facility modifications. The ESA, which has a 20-year term with non-levelized, seasonal hydro published avoided cost rates, was approved, as amended, by the Commission in Order No. 35767 issued in Case No. IPC-E-22-28 on May 1, 2023.

2. The ESA, as amended, determines the Project's eligibility for seasonal hydro rates based on a calendar year. The Seller, however, would like to modify the evaluation period for determining eligibility for seasonal hydro avoided cost pricing so that each year's period would start on June 1 and end on May 31 of the following year. This is consistent with a request recently made by another PURPA QF, which was approved by the Commission on August 31, 2023, in Order No. 35908 issued in Case No. IPC-E-23-19.

3. The First Amendment to the ESA dated April 7, 2023, previously revised Article XXIII Modifications to address scenarios involving Facility modifications to ensure, *inter alia*: the modified Facility operates under a correct and accurate contract that describes the characteristics and parameters of the modified Facility and the rate paid to the Facility and recovered from ratepayers, starting from the first operation date after the

Facility is modified, reflect the proper and authorized rate of the modified Facility. However, the Parties failed to include the provision requiring that any future modifications to the ESA be in writing, signed by both Parties, and subsequently approved by the Commission.

4. As a result of these circumstances, the Parties desire to enter into the Second Amendment to the ESA to: (1) modify the evaluation period for the Project's eligibility for seasonal hydro rates consistent with the change recently authorized by the Commission for another PURPA QF; and (2) revise Article XXIII Modifications to add language addressing modifications to the ESA as well as Facility modifications.

5. The Second Amendment to the ESA to effectuate these changes, which are more fully describe below, was executed by the Parties on June 12, 2024, and is subject to the Commission's approval. A copy of the Second Amendment is attached to this Application as Attachment 1.

II. THE SECOND AMENDMENT

6. Except as expressly provided in the Second Amendment, the conditions, obligations, rates, and other terms of the ESA, as amended, remain in full force and effect.

Seasonal Hydro Eligibility Period

7. Consistent with Order No. 35908, which authorized a new measuring year for determining eligibility for seasonal hydro rates so that each year's period would start on June 1 and end on May 31 instead of a traditional calendar year (January 1 through December 31), the Second Amendment revises Articles I, III, and VII of the ESA to correspond with the new measuring timeframe for qualifying seasonal hydro as set forth below (new language is underlined, and deleted language uses strikethrough).

i. **ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS** of the ESA, as amended, deletes existing paragraphs 1.40, “Seasonal Hydro Facility,” and 1.41, “Seasonal Hydro Facility Eligibility Test Periods,” in their entirety and replaces them with revised provisions incorporating the following changes:

- 1.40 “Seasonal Hydro Facility” – As described in Commission Order 32802, a hydroelectric generating Facility that delivers to Idaho Power total Net Energy of at least 55% of its ~~calendar-year~~ annual Net Energy during the months June, July, and August. The annual period used for the evaluation of whether a Facility meets this requirement will be the 12 months commencing June 1 and ending May 31 of each year.
- 1.41 “Seasonal Hydro Facility Eligibility Test Periods” – Beginning with the first full ~~calendar~~ year (June 1 - May 31) after the Operation Date, each five (5) ~~calendar-year~~ (June 1- May 31) consecutive period. If the term of this Agreement results in the last period not having a full five (5) ~~calendar~~-years, then the last period will be equal to the time from the end of the last full five (5) ~~calendar~~ year consecutive period and the expiration date of this Agreement.

ii. **ARTICLE III: WARRANTIES** of the ESA, as amended, deletes existing paragraph 3.4, “Seasonal Hydro Facility Qualifications,” in its entirety and replaces it with a revised provision incorporating the following change:

- 3.4 Seasonal Hydro Facility Qualifications – Seller warrants that the Facility is a Seasonal Hydro Facility as that term is defined in paragraph 1.40 of this Agreement. After initial qualification, Seller will take such steps as may be required to maintain the Seasonal Hydro Facility status during the full term of this Agreement. Seller’s failure to achieve Seasonal Hydro Facility status for at least three (3) ~~calendar~~ years during any Seasonal Hydro Facility Eligibility Test Period will result in this Facility being reclassified as a Non-Seasonal Hydro Facility for the remaining Term of this Agreement. Idaho Power reserves the right to review the Seasonal Hydro Facility status of this Facility and associated support and compliance documents at any time during the term of this Agreement.

iii. **ARTICLE VII: PURCHASE PRICE AND METHOD OF PAYMENT** of

the ESA, as amended, deletes existing paragraph 7.8, "Seasonal Hydro Facility eligibility," including subparagraphs 7.8.1, "Annual eligibility audits," 7.8.1.1, 7.8.1.2, and 7.8.1.3, in their entirety and replaces them with revised versions incorporating the following changes:

7.8 Seasonal Hydro Facility eligibility - If the Facility fails to satisfy the Seasonal Hydro Facility Qualifications specified in paragraph 3.4, this Facility shall be reclassified as a Non-Seasonal Hydro Facility for the remaining term of the Agreement and the Non-Seasonal Hydro Facility Energy Prices specified in Appendix F will be applicable.

7.8.1 Annual eligibility audits – On or before ~~February~~ July 15th of the year following the first full ~~calendar~~ June 1 – May 31 year after the Operations Date and for every ~~calendar~~ year thereafter, Idaho Power will divide the total Net Energy received from the Facility for the months of June, July, and August by the total Net Energy received for the previous ~~calendar~~ June 1 – May 31 year to establish a percentage of energy deliveries for the months of June, July and August. Any reduction in energy deliveries due to Forced Outages, planned or unplanned maintenance, Force majeure or any other reduction in energy deliveries will result in reduction of both the numerator and the denominator in this calculation, therefore no adjustment to this calculation is required for these events.

7.8.1.1 If this percentage is greater than or equal to fifty-five percent (55%) it will be deemed that the Facility has met the requirements to be classified as a Seasonal Hydro Facility for that previous ~~calendar~~ year.

7.8.1.2 If this percentage is less than fifty-five percent (55%), Idaho Power will provide notification to the project of the Facility's failure to meet the Seasonal Hydro Facility requirements for the previous ~~calendar~~ year and the monthly energy payments for that previous ~~calendar~~ year will be recalculated to reflect the Non-Seasonal Hydro Facility energy prices as contained within Appendix F of this Agreement. Any overpayments will be collected from the Facility in equal monthly payments over the remaining

months of the current ~~calendar~~ June 1 – May 31 year. If the Facility fails to meet the Seasonal Hydro Facility requirements for the second to last ~~calendar~~ June 1 – May 31 year of the Contract Term, then the monthly energy payments for the remaining term of the contract will be priced according to the Non-Seasonal Hydro Facility Energy Prices specified in Appendix F.

7.8.1.3 If the Facility fails to achieve this percentage of fifty-five percent (55%) for at least three (3) ~~calendar~~ years during any Seasonal Hydro Facility Eligibility Test Period the Facility will be reclassified as a Non-Seasonal Hydro Facility for the remaining term of this Agreement and the Non-Seasonal Hydro Facility Energy Prices specified in Appendix F will replace the Seasonal Hydro Facility Energy Prices specified in Appendix E for use in all calculations in this Agreement for the remaining term of the Agreement.

Modifications

8. In addition to modifying the evaluation period for the Project's eligibility for seasonal hydro rates, the Second Amendment revises Article XXIII Modifications, which was previously amended to include the Facility modification language previously approved by the Commission but failed to address modifications to the ESA. As such, the Second Amendment revises Article XXIII Modifications by adding new paragraph 23.8 following existing paragraph 23.7 as follows:

23.8 No modification to this Agreement shall be valid unless it is in writing and signed by both Parties and subsequently approved by the Commission.

III. MODIFIED PROCEDURE

9. Idaho Power believes that a technical hearing is not necessary to consider the issues presented herein and respectfully requests that this Application be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submissions rather than by hearing. RP 201,

et seq. If, however, the Commission determines that a technical hearing is required, the Company stands ready to prepare and present testimony and exhibits as appropriate in such hearing.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND SERVICE OF PLEADINGS

10. Communications and service of pleadings, exhibits, orders, and other documents relating to this proceeding should be sent to the following:

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V. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

11. Idaho Power respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Second Amendment to the Energy Sales Agreement between Idaho Power and the Seller as submitted herewith without change or condition.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of July, 2024.



MEGAN GOICOCHEA ALLEN
Attorney for Idaho Power Company

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 1st day of July, 2024, I served a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing APPLICATION upon the following named parties by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission 11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Bldg No. 8 Suite 201-A (83714) PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Delivered <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight Mail <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> FTP Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email
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Christy Davenport
Legal Administrative Assistant

**BEFORE THE
IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
CASE NO. IPC-E-23-28**

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

ATTACHMENT 1

**SECOND AMENDMENT
TO THE
ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT
FOR THE
LOWLINE #2 HYDRO PROJECT**

This Second Amendment of the Energy Sales Agreement (“Second Amendment”) is effective as of this 12th day of June 2024 (“Effective Date”) and is entered into by and between Idaho Power Company, an Idaho corporation (“Idaho Power”), and Lower Lowline LLC, a limited liability company (“Seller”) (individually a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, Idaho Power and Seller entered into a replacement Energy Sales Agreement (“Agreement”) on October 13, 2022, for the purchase and sale of energy produced by the Lowline #2 Hydro Project (“Project”), which is a Qualifying Facility (“QF”) under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”) located near Twin Falls, Idaho. A First Amendment to the Agreement was executed by the Parties to: (1) revise Article XXIII Modification; and (2) clarify the description of the Facility in Appendix B of the Agreement. The Agreement and First Amendment were approved by the Commission on May 01, 2023 in Order No. 35767.

WHEREAS, the Agreement, as amended, determines the Project’s eligibility for seasonal hydro rates based on a calendar year, which is a concept that was recently reconsidered by the Commission based on a request from another PURPA QF to modify the evaluation period for determining eligibility for seasonal hydro avoided cost pricing so that each year’s period would start on June 1 and end on May 31 of the following year, a request that was approved by the Commission on August 31, 2023, in Order No. 35908; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement, as amended, contains a provision, Article XXIII Modification, that has recently been identified by the Commission in several other PURPA agreements as requiring revisions to address scenarios involving potential Facility modifications; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Parties now desire to enter into this Second Amendment to the Agreement to: (1) modify the evaluation period for the Project’s eligibility for seasonal hydro rates consistent with the change recently authorized by the Commission for another PURPA QF, which is effectuated by the revisions to Articles I, III, and VII of the Agreement, as amended, as set forth below and (2) revise Article XXIII Modification in conformity with the language recently approved by the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Incorporation of Recitals.** The above-stated recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement, as amended, by this reference to the same extent as if these recitals were set forth in full at this point.

2. **Amendments.**

A. **ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS** of the Agreement, as amended, is hereby revised by deleting existing paragraphs 1.40, “Seasonal Hydro Facility,” and 1.41, “Seasonal Hydro Facility Eligibility Test Periods,” in their entirety and replacing with the following:

1.40 **“Seasonal Hydro Facility”** – As described in Commission Order 32802, a hydroelectric generating Facility that delivers to Idaho Power total Net Energy of at least 55% of its annual Net Energy during the months June, July, and August. The annual period used for the evaluation of whether a Facility meets this requirement will be the 12 months commencing June 1 and ending May 31 of each year.

1.41 **“Seasonal Hydro Facility Eligibility Test Periods”** – Beginning with the first full year (June 1 - May 31) after the Operation Date, each five (5) year (June 1- May 31) consecutive period. If the term of this Agreement results in the last period not having a full five (5) years, then the last period will be equal to the time from the end of the last full five (5) year consecutive period and the expiration date of this Agreement.

B. **ARTICLE III: WARRANTIES** of the Agreement, as amended, is hereby revised by deleting existing paragraph 3.4, “Seasonal Hydro Facility Qualifications,” in its entirety and replacing with the following:

3.4 **Seasonal Hydro Facility Qualifications** – Seller warrants that the Facility is a Seasonal Hydro Facility as that term is defined in paragraph 1.40 of this Agreement. After initial qualification, Seller will take such steps as may be required to maintain the Seasonal Hydro Facility status during the full term of this Agreement. Seller’s failure to achieve Seasonal Hydro Facility status for at least three (3) years during any Seasonal Hydro Facility Eligibility Test Period will result in this Facility being reclassified as a Non-Seasonal Hydro Facility for the remaining Term of this Agreement. Idaho Power reserves the right to review the Seasonal Hydro Facility status of this Facility and associated support and compliance documents at any time during the term of this Agreement.

C. **ARTICLE VII: PURCHASE PRICE AND METHOD OF PAYMENT** of the Agreement, as amended, is hereby revised by deleting existing paragraph 7.8, “Seasonal Hydro Facility eligibility,” including subparagraphs 7.8.1, “Annual eligibility audits,” 7.8.1.1, 7.8.1.2, and 7.8.1.3, in their entirety and replacing with the following:

7.8 Seasonal Hydro Facility eligibility – If the Facility fails to satisfy the Seasonal Hydro Facility Qualifications specified in paragraph 3.4, this Facility shall be reclassified as a Non-Seasonal Hydro Facility for the remaining term of the Agreement and the Non-Seasonal Hydro Facility Energy Prices specified in Appendix F will be applicable.

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7.8.1.3 If the Facility fails to achieve this percentage of fifty-five percent (55%) for at least three (3) years during any Seasonal Hydro Facility Eligibility Test Period the Facility will be reclassified as a Non-Seasonal Hydro Facility for the remaining term of this Agreement and the Non-Seasonal

Hydro Facility Energy Prices specified in Appendix F will replace the Seasonal Hydro Facility Energy Prices specified in Appendix E for use in all calculations in this Agreement for the remaining term of the Agreement.

D. **ARTICLE XXIII: MODIFICATION** of the Agreement, as amended, is hereby modified with the addition of the following paragraph 23.8:

ARTICLE XXIII: MODIFICATIONS

23.8 No modification to this Agreement shall be valid unless it is in writing and signed by both Parties and subsequently approved by the Commission.

3. **Commission Approval.** The obligations of the Parties under this Second Amendment are subject to the Commission's approval of this Second Amendment and such approval being upheld on appeal, if any, by a court of competent jurisdiction.

4. **Effect of Amendment.** Except as expressly amended by this Second Amendment, the Agreement, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

5. **Capitalized Terms.** All capitalized terms used in this Second Amendment and not defined herein shall have the same meaning as used in the Agreement, as amended.

6. **Scope of Amendment.** This Second Amendment shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, who are obligated to take any action which may be necessary or proper to carry out the purpose and intent thereof.

7. **Authority.** Each Party represents and warrants that (i) it is validly existing and in good standing in the state in which it is organized, (ii) it is the proper party to amend the Agreement, and (iii) it has the requisite authority to execute this Second Amendment.

8. **Counterparts.** This Second Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which taken together shall constitute a single instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Second Amendment to be duly executed as of the date above written.

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

LOWER LOWLINE LLC

By: Ryan N. Adelman

By: Louis Zamora

Name: Ryan Adelman

Name: Louis Zamora

Title: Vice President, Power Supply

Title: Project Manager