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NEWS RELEASE: Intervenor deadline set in Idaho Power case involving irrigation peak rewards program and flex peak program.

BOISE (Oct. 28, 2024) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set an intervenor deadline for an application submitted by Idaho Power to make changes to its irrigation peak rewards program and flex peak program.

Intervenors in a case submitted to the commission are allowed to participate in the proceedings for the application.

In 2009, Idaho Power created Schedule 82, under which eligible commercial and industrial customers that can offer an energy load reduction of at least 20 kilowatts can either manually, or using load control devices, automatically reduce their nominated load when Idaho Power calls for load control events. Load control events are when utilities ask customers to reduce their electricity usage during certain times. These events are triggered when a utility's grid is under high demand or experiencing an emergency. Schedule 82 participants then receive an incentive payment based on their performance in delivering their nominated load reduction during the load control events.

Schedule 23 was approved by the commission in January of 2024 and allows Idaho Power to turn off specific irrigation pipes for customers receiving service under Schedule 24 (agricultural irrigation service) in exchange for financial incentives.

Idaho Power said proposed changes to Schedules 23 and 82 are intended to increase transparency and participant satisfaction.

The changes Idaho Power is proposing include changing a variable payment so it begins on the fourth load control event rather than the fifth event. Because there are required to be a minimum of three events per season, Idaho Power said beginning the variable payments after the three minimum events would provide greater clarity to customers. Another proposed change involves an early interruption option to Schedule 23 customers. Early interruption would allow customers

who wanted to participate, but also desire a cut-off time of 9:00 p.m., to participate at a reduced rate. An extended interruption option for Schedule 23 customers can last until 11:00 p.m. Idaho Power said the increased flexibility provided by offering early interruption would allow for more participation.

The utility also is proposing to add an incentive to Schedule 82 for customers who chose to use load control devices. This reimbursement would be the lesser of \$1,500 or the cost of installation. Idaho Power said the program's reliability would increase if more customers used load control devices.

Those interested in becoming a party to the case and participate in proceedings have until Nov. 18, 2024 to do so. An e-mail can be sent to secretary@puc.idaho.gov to request intervenor status. If computer access is not available, a request can be mailed to:

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