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NEWS RELEASE: Commission approves electric utility's application to expand residential demand response program.

BOISE (July 23, 2025) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Idaho Power to expand a program designed to help manage summer electricity demand during times of need.

Idaho Power offers customers an Air Conditioning Cool Credit, which involves connecting a load control device to the customer's air conditioning unit to cycle the unit during demand response events. Those are events that can involve low hydro generation and high load demands on the utility's system. The credit is given to the utility's residential customers in exchange for letting Idaho Power cycle their central air conditioning system when summer demand for energy is high or for other system needs.

In its application to the commission, Idaho Power sought approval to add a Bring Your Own Thermostat option to the Air Conditioning Cool Credit program. This will allow Idaho Power to briefly adjust customers' smart thermostat settings during high-demand periods.

Customers who want to participate must have a qualified smart thermostat. Idaho Power said it will have a list of utility-approved smart thermostats on its website.

Additional information is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7512.