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Ms. Jean D. Jewell, Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P. O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

RE: Status of Phase One AMR Implementation Plan  
Case No. IPC-E-02-12

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Commission Order No. 29362 directed Idaho Power Company to complete Phase One AMR implementation by December 31, 2004. The purpose of this letter is to inform the Commission that, with the exception of approximately six meters located in the McCall area, the Phase One AMR implementation was completed on October 26, 2004. Since that date, all customers included in the Phase One AMR implementation have had their meter usage data obtained via the AMR system.

The six meters in the McCall area still awaiting AMR installation are associated with properties that have presented access issues. Idaho Power is continuing to work with the owners of these properties to gain access to the meters; however, for most of these properties, the meter will not be installed until the spring when the owners return from their winter homes.

One of the lessons learned during the implementation process is that the AMR technology being utilized for Phase One is not compatible with single-phase substations. Consequently, Idaho Power will not be able to install AMR metering capability for approximately 260 customers in the Emmett operating area and approximately 480 customers in the McCall operating area who are served from single-phase substations. The single-phase substations in these two operating areas are the Ola, Hidden Lake, Tamarack, Warm Lake, Scott, and Smith's Ferry substations.

Due to potential issues related to the dairy industry, Idaho Power has not installed AMR capability for any dairy located within the Emmett or McCall operating areas. In addition, AMR capability will not be installed at this time for those service locations that currently have a load research meter installed or for those service points that have continued enrollment in the Agricultural Irrigation Service Time-of-Use Pilot

Program (Schedule 25). Approximately 60 meters in the Emmett operating area and approximately 50 meters in the McCall operating area fall into this classification.

If you have any questions regarding the Company's Phase One AMR implementation, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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