

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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FROM: DON HOWELL

DATE: MARCH 24, 2005

**RE: JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PARTIES TO FILE
FINAL REPORT REGARDING IDAHO POWER'S COST-OF-SERVICE
STUDY, CASE NO. IPC-E-04-23**

In Idaho Power's 2004 rate case Order, the Commission noted that several parties raised legitimate questions regarding components of the Company's cost-of-service model. Order No. 29505 at 47. Consequently, the Commission initiated the current proceeding to allow interested parties to informally examine several issues related to the Company's cost-of-service. The Commission directed the interested parties to meet informally in workshops to discuss their concerns. The Commission also directed the parties to submit a "final report" to the Commission no later than February 28, 2005. On February 28, the Commission Staff on behalf of all the parties involved in the cost-of-service proceeding filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Time.

THE MOTION

In the Motion, the parties noted they had conducted three workshops, the most recent which was held on February 25, 2005. Although the workshops have raised the level of understanding about Idaho Power's cost-of-service, "the parties are not [yet] in a position to assemble a final report." Motion at 2. Consequently, the Motion requested that the Commission extend the due date for the final report until April 29, 2005. This will provide sufficient time for the parties to determine whether consensus is possible as to certain cost-of-service issues and to draft a final report.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission concur with the request of the parties that the due date for the final report regarding Idaho Power's cost-of-service study be extended until April 29, 2005?



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