

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )**  
**OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AN )** **CASE NO. IPC-E-04-30**  
**ACCOUNTING ORDER REGARDING THE )**  
**TREATMENT OF THE SHOSHONE- )** **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**BANNOCK TRANSMISSION RIGHT-OF- )**  
**WAY EASEMENT GRANT )** **NOTICE OF**  
**)** **MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
**)**  
**)** **ORDER NO. 29689**

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 27, 2004, Idaho Power Company filed an Application for an accounting order authorizing the Company to amortize the cost of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe Transmission Right-of-Way Easement Grant. The accounting order would allow the Company to amortize the cost of a newly negotiated easement across tribal property. The term of the easement extends through December 31, 2027, but also covers the period between 1996 to the present. The total amount of the negotiated easement grant is \$7,490,000, most of which will be paid in three annual installments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the new Easement Grant results from negotiations that began in 1996 to renew four right-of-way easements for five transmission lines that cross the Fort Hall reservation near Pocatello, Idaho. The total amount of the Easement Grant payments is \$7,490,000, representing \$7,145,000 in total cash payments and \$345,000 in college scholarship payments over the 23-year life of the easements. Idaho Power requests confirmation from the Commission that the net amount of the Easement Grant may be booked and amortized through 2027 with the expenses recoverable in future rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application together with supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits, have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies (excluding exhibits) are also available on the Commission's Website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) under the "File Room" icon.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
PO Box 83720  
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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Applicant at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Idaho Power for an accounting order to amortize the cost of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe Transmission Right-of-Way Easement Grant be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
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DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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