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Re: Case No. IPC-E-06-27
In The Matter Of The Application Of Idaho Power Company For
Approval Of An Executory Sale And Transfer Of Utility Property
Pursuant To A Transformer Sharing Agreement

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Please find enclosed an original and seven (7) copies of Idaho Power Company's Application in the above-referenced matter.

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR) CASE NO. IPC-E-06- 27
APPROVAL OF AN EXECUTORY SALE)
AND TRANSFER OF UTILITY PROPERTY) APPLICATION
PURSUANT TO A TRANSFORMER)
SHARING AGREEMENT)

COMES NOW, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or the "Company"), and in accordance with the provisions of *Idaho Code* § 61-328, RP 052 and RP 201, *et. seq.*, hereby applies for an order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("the Commission") approving the executory transfer and sale of certain utility property as described in greater detail below. This Application is based on the following:

1. On October 13, 2006, Idaho Power entered into a Spare Transformer Sharing Agreement ("Sharing Agreement"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A", with certain participating electric utilities as part of a national collaborative effort to share spare electric transformers with other electric utilities in the event of a deliberate act of

terrorism disabling one or more utility substations. A sufficient inventory of spare transformers is critical because transformers have a long manufacturing lead time. As of October 31, 2006, forty-seven (47) of the nation's electric utilities have executed this Sharing Agreement, representing more than 60 percent of the Commission-jurisdictional bulk-power transmission system. A list and map of the other participating utilities participating are attached as Exhibit "B".

2. The Sharing Agreement provides for an electric industry-wide pool of spare electric transformers that can be called upon and transferred from one utility to another utility in the event of a coordinated terrorist attack upon the electric infrastructure in the United States. The Sharing Agreement improves the capability of all participating utilities to recover from the loss of transformers while reducing the burden on any single utility to acquire spare transformers. The Spare Transformer Sharing Agreement provides considerable flexibility for utilities to operate and to utilize assets as they would normally do during the course of business, while at the same time binding utilities to share their committed transformers if a Triggering Event should occur. By entering into this Sharing Agreement, Idaho Power will: (a) support the national effort to protect the electric infrastructure from terrorist activities; and (b) increase system reliability with a higher level of preparedness in the event of an attack or disruption on the electric system. Each of these benefits is discussed in more detail below.

3. By entering into the Sharing Agreement, Idaho Power will be supporting the national effort to protect electric infrastructure from terrorist activities. In the latter part of 2004, the Edison Electric Institute ("EEI") initiated a focus group to examine what steps, if any, that the electric industry should take to better prepare the industry to

respond to an unforeseen terrorist attack on the nation's electric infrastructure. Around the same time, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") expressed concerns on the issue of infrastructure protection and initiated a study to determine what steps, if any, needed to be taken by the FERC to ensure the electric industry is prepared to respond in the event of such a terrorist attack. In an effort to develop an industry-wide position on the issue and avoid a FERC-mandated solution, the industry, with the help and facilitation of EEI, developed the agreed-upon provisions of the Sharing Agreement. EEI and the North American Electric Reliability Council actively participated in the development of the Sharing Agreement, and EEI has taken the lead in promoting and implementing the Sharing Agreement with the various utilities across the country.

4. At EEI's urging, the FERC granted¹ blanket authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act for any jurisdictional public utility that is party to the Sharing Agreement to engage in future transfers of transformers pursuant to the terms of the Sharing Agreement. To encourage utility participation, the FERC also declared participation in the Sharing Agreement to be prudent, found that the costs of participation qualify for single issue rate treatment, and accorded all future jurisdictional signatories to the Sharing Agreement the same benefits as current signatories.

5. Through its participation in the Sharing Agreement Idaho Power will achieve a higher level of preparedness, thereby benefiting Idaho Power customers with increased system reliability. In the event of a coordinated terrorist attack upon the Idaho Power electric system, Idaho Power may need the assistance of the state and

¹ *Edison Electric Institute on behalf of the Jurisdictional Signatories to the Spare Transformer Sharing Agreement*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,280 (September 21, 2006).

federal government as well as its sister utilities. The electric industry has worked proactively to develop this Sharing Agreement to allow Idaho Power and the other signatories the ability to seek help during a national emergency from the other signatory utilities on an expedited basis. Through this Sharing Agreement, Idaho Power will have ready access to a pool of spare transformers to help restore power to its customers in an expedited, cost-effective and streamlined manner.

6. By entering into the Sharing Agreement, Idaho Power will lower its overall future costs to maintain spare transformers in Idaho Power's inventory, also thereby benefiting the electric rate payers. Although the Company has taken significant steps to protect its infrastructure from a possible terrorist attack, Idaho Power does not believe it would be feasible or economically practical to maintain in its inventory the large number of spare transformers needed to address every 'worst case scenario' for a terrorist attack upon the electric system. This Sharing Agreement will allow Idaho Power and its customers to have the added benefits of access to transformers in a national emergency without the added costs and risk of buying and carrying large surpluses of spare transformers in its inventory.

7. Upon the Commission's approval of this Sharing Agreement, Idaho Power will necessarily "commit" 400 megavolt-amperes (MVA) of spare transformers to the sharing pool in the event another utility in Idaho Power's 230 kV-138 kV equipment class suffers a terrorist attack.² By committing the spare transformers, Idaho Power nonetheless will maintain ownership and possession of all of its spare transformers and

² The number of transformers a Participating Utility must own or commit to acquire in each equipment class is determined based on the aggregate needs of the equipment class and the number of transformers that the Participating Utility has in service in that equipment class.

shall be entitled to use such spares for equipment failures as long as such spares are replaced within eighteen (18) months.³ Although Idaho Power assesses the risk of having to sell a spare electric transformer to a participating electric utility pursuant to the Sharing Agreement to be very low, the possibility of a sale does exist if a terrorist attack were to occur and any such sale of a spare electric transformer(s) would require prior Commission approval under Idaho Code §61-328.

8. A "Triggering Event" under the Sharing Agreement would be (a) a coordinated and deliberate terrorist attack against the system of a participating utility as defined in the Homeland Security Act, and (b) the declaration of a national emergency by the President of the United States pursuant to the National Emergencies Act.⁴ Given the defined nature of such triggering event in the Sharing Agreement and the need to implement a response in a timely manner, Idaho Power believes that such event would be an exigent circumstance that would not allow Idaho Power sufficient time to apply to this Commission for approval and still meet the sharing commitment under the Sharing Agreement in a timely matter. Therefore, the relief sought in this Application for approval of an executory transfer and sale of a spare electric transformer(s) is reasonable and will serve the best interests of Idaho Power customers.

9. Because the proposed transfer and sale of utility property is executory, appropriate bookkeeping entries will be made at the time of any future transfer and sale. The Company does not seek approval of any ratemaking treatment of the fees⁵ and inventory required by the terms of the Sharing Agreement at this time. Pursuant to §2.3

³ See the Spare Transformer Agreement, § 1.1., Definitions, and 3.3, Obligation to Replace.

⁴ Spare Transformer Agreement, § 1.1, Definitions.

⁵ See Spare Transformer Agreement, §§ 2.1 and 7.2.

of the Sharing Agreement, Idaho Power's participation in the Spare Transformer Equipment Project is conditioned on receiving Commission approval.

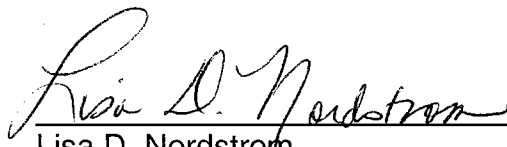
10. The Company requests that this Application be processed under RP 201, *et seq.*, allowing for consideration of issues to be processed under Modified Procedure, i.e., by written submissions rather than by an evidentiary hearing.

11. Service of pleadings, exhibits, orders and other documents relating to this proceeding should be served on the following:

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WHEREFORE, Idaho Power Company requests that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission issue its order approving an executory transfer and sale of utility property as described in greater detail above.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of November, 2006.



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IDAHO POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. IPC-E-06-27

APPLICATION

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SPARE TRANSFORMER SHARING AGREEMENT

This Spare Transformer Sharing Agreement, dated as of March 15, 2006 (this "Agreement") is entered into by and among each entity that executes and delivers this Agreement, as contemplated hereby (each, a "Party").

WHEREAS, each Party owns or has rights to own or access, or intends to acquire ownership of or rights to own or access, one or more Qualified Spare Transformers (as defined below); and

WHEREAS, each Party desires to participate in an arrangement to share such Qualified Spare Transformers under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, each Party desires to memorialize in a written agreement such circumstances and all related rights, responsibilities and obligations associated therewith in an agreement by and among all such Parties; and

WHEREAS, each Party acknowledges that this Agreement is the written agreement so contemplated to be entered into by and among all such Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained herein, each Party, intending to be legally bound hereby, agrees as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following capitalized terms have the meanings set forth below:

"Affiliate" means with respect to any Person, each other Person that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" means the ability to elect or appoint, directly or indirectly, a majority of the board of directors or other governing body of the relevant Person.

"Approval Date" means (i) if there are Required Regulatory Approvals set forth on a Party's signature page to this Agreement, the earliest of the date on which a Party has obtained all such Required Regulatory Approvals and the date on which a Party determines that it is no longer required to obtain any such Required Regulatory

Approvals, or (ii) if there are no Required Regulatory Approvals set forth on a Party's signature page to this Agreement, the date on which such Party has executed and delivered this Agreement.

"Business Day" means any day other than Saturday, Sunday and any day which is a day on which banking institutions in the State of New York are authorized by law or other governmental action to close.

"Call Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"Call Right" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"Commit" or "Committed" or "Committing" means that a Participating Utility unconditionally commits, or has committed, subject to the terms of this Agreement, all or a portion of a specifically designated Qualified Spare Transformer that is owned by such Participating Utility, or that such Participating Utility otherwise has rights to own or access, such that if a Call Right is properly exercised pursuant to the terms of Article IV hereof, the Participating Utility, together with all other Persons that also own or have access to such Qualified Spare Transformer, is obligated to sell, or cause to be sold, such Qualified Spare Transformer pursuant to this Agreement.

"Commitment Formula" means the formula described below for calculating the MVA required to be Committed by Participating Utilities in respect of a particular Equipment Class:

In calculating the MVA required to be Committed by Participating Utilities in respect of a particular Equipment Class, each Participating Utility that is a member of such Equipment Class must provide the relevant Equipment Sub-Committee with the following information: (i) the number of banks of spare transformers and the total MVA represented thereby ("Needed MVA") that such Participating Utility would need, in the event that it suffers an S-5 contingency in respect of such Equipment Class (i.e., it has lost five substations that utilize spare transformers in such Equipment Class), to restore its system to satisfy an N-0 Contingency, (ii) the total amount of such Participating Utility's connected MVA in such Equipment Class ("Connected MVA"), and (iii) the total number of qualified spare transformers, together with their MVA, that such Participating Utility then owns and is willing to share with others under this Agreement ("Available Spares"); provided, however, that such number of Available Spares shall in no way be deemed to limit a Participating Utility's Required Obligation in any way.

Based on the foregoing information, the relevant Equipment Sub-Committee will (i) sum the Needed MVA reported by all Participating Utilities in the subject Equipment Class (such sum, the "Aggregate Needed MVA"), (ii) sum the Connected MVA reported by all Participating Utilities in such Equipment Class (such sum, the "Aggregate Connected MVA"), and (iii) determine the "MVA

Factor," which shall mean the sum of the Needed MVA reported by the Participating Utility reporting the largest Needed MVA in such Equipment Class and the amount of MVA represented by the Available Spares reported by such Participating Utility.

Then, the relevant Equipment Sub-Committee shall determine the Required Obligation for each Participating Utility in respect of such Equipment Class by calculating, with respect to each Participating Utility, the average of (i) the MVA Factor multiplied by the ratio of such Participating Utility's Needed MVA to the Aggregate Needed MVA, and (ii) the MVA Factor multiplied by the ratio of such Participating Utility's Connected MVA to the Aggregate Connected MVA. The resulting average for each Participating Utility shall be the MVA required to be Committed by it for that Equipment Class.

For illustrative purposes only, Exhibit B includes an example of the application of the foregoing Commitment Formula to determine the Required Obligation for hypothetical Participating Utilities in a hypothetical Equipment Class.

"Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.

"Equipment Class" means one of the classes of spare transformers identified on Exhibit A to this Agreement, provided, however, that the Equipment Committee may revise such Exhibit A, from time to time, to add additional classes of spare transformers thereto, with any such revisions to become automatically effective for all purposes hereunder upon the affirmative action of the Equipment Committee.

"Equipment Committee" means the Equipment Committee contemplated by Article V.

"Equipment Sub-Committee(s)" means the Equipment Sub-Committee(s) contemplated by Article V.

"Estimated Purchase Price" means the Seller's good faith estimate of the Purchase Price, as contemplated by Section 4.7.

"Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee contemplated by Article VI.

"Force Majeure" means an event or circumstance that prevents a Participating Utility from performing its obligations under this Agreement, that is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, such Participating Utility, and that, by the exercise of due diligence, such Participating Utility is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided.

"Good Utility Practice" means any of the practices, methods and acts engaged in or approved by a significant portion of the electric utility industry during the relevant time period, or any of the practices, methods and acts which, in the exercise of reasonable judgment in light of the facts known at the time the decision was made, could have been

expected to accomplish the desired result at a reasonable cost consistent with good business practices, reliability, safety and expedition. Good Utility Practice is not intended to be limited to the optimum practice, method, or act to the exclusion of all others, but rather to be acceptable practices, methods, or acts generally accepted in the region in which the Participating Utility operates.

"Initial Fee" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.

"Initial Measurement Date" means June 30, 2008.

"Liens" means any mortgages, pledges, liens, claims, charges, security interests, conditional and installment sale agreements, activity and use limitations, easements, covenants, encumbrances, obligations, limitations, title defects and any other restrictions of any kind, including restrictions on use, transfer or the exercise of any other attribute of ownership.

"Measurement Date" means the Initial Measurement Date and each anniversary of the Initial Measurement Date.

"MVA" means megavolt amperes.

"N-0 Contingency" means, for purposes of this Agreement, a state of the bulk transmission system such that the loss of any single element (N-1), at peak-load conditions, may be expected to result in instability and/or a system in which thermal rating and voltage limits may be exceeded, provided that any such result may reasonably be contained through emergency actions of the transmission operator.

"Net Book Value" means the net book value of a particular Qualified Spare Transformer determined in the ordinary course and consistent with the past practices of the Seller, or, if applicable, the other owner(s) of such Qualified Spare Transformer, so long as such practices conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, otherwise such net book value shall be determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

"Objection" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.3.

"Participating Utility" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.

"Permitted Disposition" means (i) the sale of a Qualified Spare Transformer pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, (ii) the placement in service or similar disposition of a Qualified Spare Transformer not already in service by a Participating Utility for its own use in accordance with Good Utility Practice, (iii) the replacement of a Qualified Spare Transformer, due to its age, obsolescence, damage or any similar reason, in the ordinary course of business consistent with Good Utility Practice, with another Qualified Spare Transformer, (iv) the disposition of a Qualified Spare Transformer pursuant to any rule, regulation or order issued by any governmental authority requiring such disposition that

is applicable to such Qualified Spare Transformer and/or the Participating Utility that Committed it hereunder, (v) the disposition of a Qualified Spare Transformer to another utility that has suffered a casualty or loss of one of its transformers pursuant to any voluntary sharing arrangement or similar arrangement or program, including any informal arrangements, in which the Participating Utility that Committed such Qualified Spare Transformer is participating, and (vi) the loss of a Qualified Spare Transformer in connection with a Triggering Event or other casualty.

"Permitted Liens" means (i) statutory Liens for current taxes, assessments or governmental charges not yet due or delinquent or the validity or amount of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (ii) mechanics', carriers', workers', repairers', landlords' and other similar Liens arising or incurred in the ordinary course of business relating to obligations as to which there is no default on the part of the Participating Utility or the validity or amount of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (iii) pledges, deposits or other Liens securing the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases or statutory obligations (including workers' compensation, unemployment insurance or other social security legislation), (iv) Liens arising or incurred in connection with the purchase of the subject Qualified Spare Transformer as to which there is no default on the part of the Participating Utility, (v) Liens arising or incurred in connection with any first mortgage or similar general financing instrument of the Participating Utility as to which there is no default on the part of the Participating Utility, (vi) rights reserved to or vested in a governmental entity or obligations or Liens set forth in any federal, state, local or municipal franchise, grant or license, governing ordinance or any provision of law under which any portion of the Participating Utility's business is conducted or requested, (vii) rights of condemnation, eminent domain or similar rights, and (viii) Liens created by the obligations imposed on the Participating Utility pursuant to this Agreement.

"Person" means any individual, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, corporation, trust, unincorporated organization or governmental entity or any department or agency thereof.

"Project Manager" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.10.

"Purchase Price" means the sum of (x) at the Seller's sole option, either the Replacement Cost for the subject Qualified Spare Transformer or the Net Book Value of the subject Qualified Spare Transformer, plus (y) an amount equal to the sum of (i) any "load-out" costs, including any costs of the Seller, or, if applicable, the other owner(s) of such Qualified Spare Transformer, to remove such transformer from its pad, test such transformer and empty it of oil, (ii) any freight and other transportation costs of the Seller, or, if applicable, the other owner(s) of such Qualified Spare Transformer, associated with delivering such transformer to the Buyer, and (iii) the tax liability, if any, of the Seller, or, if applicable, the other owner(s) of such Qualified Spare Transformer, attributable to the sale of the subject Qualified Spare Transformer at the Replacement Cost or Net Book Value, as the case may be.

"Qualified Participating Utility" means any Participating Utility that (i) on the most recent Measurement Date, had Committed a number of Qualified Spare Transformers that is at least equal to its Required Obligation as contemplated by Section 3.1 hereof in respect of each Equipment Class that such Participating Utility is then a member of, (ii) on the date on which the determination is made as to whether such Participating Utility is a Qualified Participating Utility, (x) has Committed all Qualified Spare Transformers required to be then Committed by it pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof in respect of each Equipment Class that such Participating Utility is then a member of, and (y) if applicable pursuant to Section 3.2 hereof, is, in good faith, using its commercially reasonable efforts to take or cause to be taken all actions necessary to permit such Participating Utility to Commit a number of Qualified Spare Transformers that is at least equal to its Required Obligation calculated for the next succeeding Measurement Date in respect of each Equipment Class that such Participating Utility is then a member of as soon as practicable but in no event later than the next succeeding Measurement Date, and (iii) is not then in breach of any of its other obligations under this Agreement.

"Qualified Spare Transformer" means an electrical transformer that satisfies those minimum standards set forth on Exhibit A to this Agreement opposite the Equipment Class of such transformer, with such minimum standards to be reviewed and, as necessary, revised, from time to time, by the relevant Equipment Sub-Committee, with any such revisions to become automatically effective for all purposes hereunder upon the affirmative action of such Equipment Sub-Committee. The number of Qualified Spare Transformers that any Participating Utility shall be deemed to have Committed hereunder shall be determined in accordance with Section 3.7.

"Related Parties" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4.

"Replacement Cost" means all reasonable costs or expenses incurred by a Seller, or, if applicable, the other owner(s) of such Qualified Spare Transformer, to replace a particular Qualified Spare Transformer with another transformer of like specifications, which reasonable costs or expenses shall be deemed to include those costs and/or expenses that are appropriate and not excessive under the circumstances prevailing at the time the cost or expense is paid or incurred and may include, but are not limited to, the purchase price for such transformer, transportation costs associated with the delivery of such transformer, and other direct acquisition costs incurred by the Seller, or, if applicable, the other owner(s) of such Qualified Spare Transformer; provided, however, that in the event that a Seller, or, if applicable, the other owner(s) of such Qualified Spare Transformer, in connection with or following the sale of a Qualified Spare Transformer pursuant to the terms of Article IV, elects to replace such Qualified Spare Transformer with another Qualified Spare Transformer owned by such Seller, or, if applicable, the other owner(s) of such Qualified Spare Transformer, or any of their respective Affiliates, or otherwise elects not to purchase a replacement transformer, the Replacement Cost shall be deemed to be, for all purposes hereunder, the Net Book Value of the Qualified Spare Transformer so sold.

"Replacement Date" means, upon any disposition of a Qualified Spare Transformer Committed hereunder, the date that is eighteen calendar months following the date of such disposition. For purposes of this definition, the phrase "date of such disposition" shall refer to the date on which title to the subject transformer is transferred, the date on which the subject transformer is replaced, the date of loss of the subject transformer, or the date on which any other disposition of the subject transformer occurs, as the case may be.

"Replacement Spare Transformer" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.3.

"Representative" means an individual appointed by a Participating Utility pursuant to Section 5.1 or Section 5.2 hereof to (i) serve as its Representative to the Equipment Committee and (ii) receive, on such Participating Utility's behalf, all information to be delivered to any Participating Utility pursuant to this Agreement, provided that any such Representative shall be required by the Participating Utility that he or she represents to observe the confidentiality provisions set forth in Article XI hereof with respect to such information. Each Representative shall also serve on those Equipment Sub-Committees corresponding to the Equipment Classes that the Participating Utility that he or she represents has joined as a member hereunder.

"Required Obligation" means, for each Participating Utility, and in respect of each Equipment Class that such Participating Utility is then a member of, that number of Qualified Spare Transformers representing the MVA required to be Committed by such Participating Utility as calculated for each Measurement Date by the relevant Equipment Sub-Committee pursuant to the Commitment Formula, with Exhibit B to this Agreement to be revised, from time to time, by the relevant Equipment Sub-Committee to reflect each such Participating Utility's Required Obligation for the Initial Measurement Date and the Required Obligation calculated for each succeeding Measurement Date, with any such revisions to become automatically effective for all purposes hereunder upon the affirmative action of such Equipment Sub-Committee. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, a Participating Utility's Required Obligation in respect of a particular Equipment Class shall be zero until such time as such Equipment Class first has three or more members inclusive of such Participating Utility.

"Required Regulatory Approvals" means, with respect to a particular Party, those governmental or other approvals or waivers, and notices to any governmental authorities or other Persons, including any federal notices and approvals, that are (i) required to authorize, or are required in connection with, the performance of this Agreement by such Party, including its performance of the obligations of a Participating Utility hereunder, and (ii) set forth on such Party's signature page to this Agreement.

"Triggering Event" means an act or coordinated acts of deliberate, documented terrorism, as defined in the Homeland Security Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. §101(15), as the same may be amended from time to time, resulting in (1) the destruction or long-term disabling of one or more electric transmission substations, and (2) the declaration of a state of emergency

by the President of the United States pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. §1601 et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE II

PARTICIPATING UTILITIES

Section 2.1 Binding Obligation. A Party is bound by this Agreement upon its execution and delivery of this Agreement, which shall be evidenced by such Party's execution and delivery of a signature page to this Agreement. An executed signature page to this Agreement shall be deemed to be delivered for all purposes hereunder if it is delivered to the Equipment Committee or, if the Equipment Committee has not yet held its first meeting, to the Project Manager. Contemporaneously with its execution and delivery of its signature page to this Agreement, each Party shall pay the sum of \$10,000 (the "Initial Fee") to an account established by the Executive Committee to be used for the administration of this Agreement, provided, that until the Executive Committee establishes any such account, the Initial Fee shall be paid to the Project Manager, which Person shall hold such funds on behalf of the Executive Committee to be deposited into such account as soon as it is established by the Executive Committee. A Party shall become a "Participating Utility" for all purposes hereunder (a "Participating Utility"), immediately and without any further action, upon the later of (i) its Approval Date, and (ii) the date on which at least one of the Equipment Classes that it joins as a member, as contemplated by Section 2.2, first has three or more members inclusive of such Party (the latest of such dates, such Party's "Effective Date"). For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, except for those obligations and rights contemplated by Articles II, VII, VIII, X, XI and XII hereof, until a Party becomes a Participating Utility hereunder it shall owe no obligation hereunder and shall not be entitled to exercise any rights (including any Call Right) or remedies hereunder.

Section 2.2 Equipment Classes. Upon its relevant Approval Date, each Party shall provide a written notice to the Equipment Committee and any relevant Equipment Sub-Committee, or if the Equipment Committee has not yet held its first meeting to the Project Manager, that identifies the Equipment Class, or Equipment Classes, such Party is then joining as a member under this Agreement, following which designation, such Party shall be a member of such Equipment Class until it withdraws from such Equipment Class in strict compliance with Section 10.1 hereof. A Party may join as a member of any other Equipment Class at any time by providing written notice of its decision to become a member of any such other Equipment Class to the Equipment Committee and the relevant Equipment Sub-Committee, or if the Equipment Committee has not yet held its first meeting to the Project Manager, but in no event may a Party withdraw as a member of any Equipment Class, except in strict compliance with Section 10.1 hereof.

Section 2.3 Required Regulatory Approvals. Upon its execution and delivery of this Agreement, each Party shall set forth on its signature page to this

Agreement all of its Required Regulatory Approvals. Each Party, from and after the date of its execution and delivery of this Agreement, shall promptly prepare and file all necessary applications, notices, petitions, filings and other documents, and to use all commercially reasonable efforts, to obtain all Required Regulatory Approvals; provided, however, that the sole remedy for any failure by a Party to use such efforts shall be as set forth in the last sentence of this Section 2.3. If there are Required Regulatory Approvals set forth on a Party's signature page to this Agreement, then no later than the third Business Day following such Party's relevant Approval Date, such Party shall deliver a written notice to the Equipment Committee, or if the Equipment Committee has not yet held its first meeting to the Project Manager, to the effect that it has obtained all such Required Regulatory Approvals or that it is no longer required to obtain such Required Regulatory Approvals. If the relevant Effective Date for a Party has not occurred on or before the date that is the eighteen month anniversary of the date on which such Party has executed and delivered this Agreement, this Agreement shall be null and void and of no further force or effect with respect to such Party.

ARTICLE III

BASIC OBLIGATIONS

Section 3.1 Obligation to Commit. On each Measurement Date, each Participating Utility shall have Committed a number of Qualified Spare Transformers that is at least equal to its Required Obligation in respect of each Equipment Class that such Participating Utility is then a member of and, following such Measurement Date, such Participating Utility shall continue to Commit such number of Qualified Spare Transformers through the next succeeding Measurement Date; provided, however, that prior to the first Measurement Date following the date on which a Party becomes a Participating Utility, such Participating Utility shall be deemed to be in compliance with its obligations set forth in this sentence so long as, in the event that it then owns or otherwise has rights to own or access one or more Qualified Spare Transformers, it Commits at least one of such Qualified Spare Transformers up to its Required Obligation calculated for such Measurement Date in respect of each Equipment Class that such Participating Utility is then a member of. On or following any Permitted Disposition by a Participating Utility, so long as such Participating Utility is in compliance with its obligations set forth in Section 3.3 hereof, such Participating Utility shall be deemed to have Committed the Replacement Spare Transformer (as defined below) as a Qualified Spare Transformer for purposes of satisfying its obligations set forth in this Section 3.1, whether or not such Participating Utility yet owns or otherwise has rights to own or access such Replacement Spare Transformer, with such Replacement Spare Transformer becoming a Qualified Spare Transformer that is Committed hereunder upon such Participating Utility's acquisition of ownership, or rights to own or access, such Replacement Spare Transformer. Upon request by the relevant Equipment Sub-Committee, each Participating Utility shall present such Equipment Sub-Committee with evidence reasonably satisfactory to such Equipment Sub-Committee of such Participating Utility's compliance with its obligations set forth in this Section 3.1.

