

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2013

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER'S TARIFF ADVICE NO. 13-05 *IPC-E-13-25*
IDAHO WIND PARTNERS COMPLAINT, CASE NO. IPC-E-13-19

On October 24, 2013, Idaho Power Company filed Tariff Advice No. 13-05 with the Commission seeking authority to update its Schedule 86. Although the tariff advice reflects an effective date of November 24, 2013, Idaho Power has agreed to waive the effective date in order to provide Staff sufficient time to propose an alternative procedure to process this matter.

THE TARIFF ADVICE

Idaho Power received notice regarding its subscription to the Dow Jones index from McGraw Hill Financial that as of close of business on Friday, September 13, 2013, the Dow Jones index has transitioned to Platts. Platts now provides the Non-Firm Mid-C electricity index information that was previously provided by Dow Jones. Idaho Power proposes that the reference in Schedule 86 to "Dow Jones" be changed to "Platts." Idaho Power further proposes removal of the language "published in the Wall Street Journal."

Idaho Power's tariff advice also adds the word "volume" before the words "weighted average" to provide additional clarity. Idaho Power asserts that the calculation has always used the volume-weighted average of the daily on-peak and off-peak Mid-C Index prices for non-firm energy to determine the appropriate avoided energy cost. The proposed change would clarify Idaho Power's current practice that the weighted average used to determine avoided energy costs under Schedule 86 is the *volume*-weighted average.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the filing and recommends the tariff advice be suspended and the case proceed by Modified Procedure. Idaho Power's Schedule 86 applies to QFs with a nameplate