BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
IDAHO POWER COMPANY TO STUDY THE
COSTS, BENEFITS, AND COMPENSATION OF
NET EXCESS ENERGY SUPPLIED BY
CUSTOMER ON-SITE GENERATION

CASE NO. IPC-E-18-15
THIRD STAFF REPORT

BACKGROUND

On October 19, 2018, Idaho Power Company petitioned the Commission to initiate a docket to study the costs, benefits, and rate design related to on-site generation and net excess energy provided as a resource to the Company, as required by Order No. 34046 in Case No. IPC-E-17-13. Petition at 1; Order No. 34046 at 31.

In Order No. 34189, the Commission directed Staff to confer with intervening parties about the procedural and substantive scope of the docket, proposed schedule, and other matters. Order 34189 at 2. In Order No. 34274, the Commission further directed Staff to report back to the Commission with a progress update by May 28, 2019. Staff filed its progress report on May 28, 2019 and consistent with its request in that update, hereby files a subsequent three month report.

As a result of Order No. 34189, the parties in this matter have met for one pre-hearing conference and seven settlement meetings. The intervening parties in this matter are the City of Boise, Idaho Clean Energy Association, the Industrial Customers of Idaho Power, Idaho Conservation League, IdaHydro, Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, Micron Technology,
NW Energy Coalition, Rocky Mountain Power, Russell Schiermeier, Sierra Club, and Vote Solar.

STAFF REPORT

The settlement negotiations have been very productive over the last three months. Multiple detailed proposals from several parties have been shared, discussed, and refined. Much progress has been made on a range of difficult issues and Staff appreciates the commitment of all parties to adjust their proposals in pursuit of the Commission directive to "diligently pursue an outcome that would allow settlement." Order No. 34274 at 2.

Staff believes that the settlement negotiations are in their final phase and does not believe another report in three months will be necessary.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this 28th day of August, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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