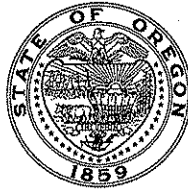


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Re: UE 214 – Idaho Power's Motion to Strike

Dear Judge Power:

I am the attorney assigned to this matter for the Commission staff. I just returned today from a short four-day vacation and learned of this motion and its request for expedited treatment. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that staff intends to file a response opposing all, or part, of this motion. Further, because I just returned from my vacation, as staff's counsel I will require time to review this motion and to also consult with staff. Accordingly, staff opposes the request for expedited consideration. Staff will respond no later than the 15 days afforded by the Commission's rules, sooner if possible. See OAR 860-013-0050(3)(d).

Sincerely,

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I certify that on March 26, 2010, I served the foregoing Response to Motion upon the
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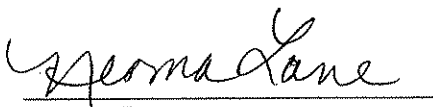
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