

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 233

In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: REQUEST GRANTED; SCHEDULE TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDED**

On December 28, 2011, counsel for Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power) filed a letter in this docket notifying the Commission that the parties, after a settlement conference, had reached "settlement in principle resolving all but one issue in this docket." Counsel for Idaho Power requests the docket be suspended in order for the parties to try to resolve the outstanding issue and to prepare settlement documents. Idaho Power represents that all parties actively participating in the proceeding support its request.


Discussion. Under the current schedule, Idaho Power files reply testimony on December 29, 2011; Staff and intervenor rebuttal testimony is due January 25, 2012; Idaho Power files surrebuttal testimony on February 16, 2012; all parties file cross-examination statements on February 24, 2012, and the hearing in this proceeding is scheduled to be held on February 29, 2012. Idaho Power anticipates that settlement documents will be filed by mid-January, approximately six weeks in advance of the hearing date. The final tariff suspension period ends May 23, 2012.

I find that a brief suspension of the schedule will not unduly delay the completion of these proceedings. However, in order to insure that the Commission has sufficient time to review the record and make its findings and conclusions in this docket, the parties will need to report on their progress toward settlement so that a further decision on the schedule can be made.

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The schedule is temporarily suspended. The parties shall report on the status of their discussions no later than January 17, 2012, and a further scheduling ruling will be issued.

Dated this 28th day of December, 2011, at Salem, Oregon.


Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge