

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 18, 2012**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** January 1, 2013

DATE: December 10, 2012

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Brittany Andrus

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Maury Galbraith

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER COMPANY: (Advice No. 12-17) Revises Schedule 75, Simple Steps Smart Savings Programs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission allow Idaho Power Company's (IPCO or Company) Advice No. 12-17 to go into effect on January 1, 2013 with less than statutory notice.

DISCUSSION:

On December 5, 2012, IPCO filed Advice No. 12-17 which proposes tariff revisions to Schedule 75, Simple Steps Smart Savings Programs. The proposed changes include removal of the ending effective date of December 31, 2012, and a housekeeping correction. The requested effective date for the revised tariff is January 13, 2013.

Simple Steps is a regional manufacture buy-down program sponsored by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). IPCO customers in Oregon may purchase designated equipment from participating retailers at a reduced price on a first-come, first served basis. Equipment currently offered under the program includes designated light bulbs, light fixtures, and showerheads. BPA's Simple Steps, Smart Savings™ has been active since April of 2010. It replaced the former Change-a-Light CFL promotion (2006-2010).

For several years, IPCO has operated this program with an ending effective date each year on December 31 to enable the Company to do an annual evaluation of how best to participate. The program has evolved into a successful partnership between BPA and regional utilities. Because the Company plans to continue its participation on an ongoing basis, it is requesting removal of the ending effective date. This change

reduces the administrative requirement of an annual tariff update. IPCO will continue to review the cost effectiveness of the measures and the overall program.

The second proposed change is to correct a spelling error (“speciality” to “specialty” on Sheet 75-1).

Staff has reviewed the Company’s calculations demonstrating the cost-effectiveness of the Simple Steps Smart Savings Programs. The changes proposed in Advice No. 12-17 are reasonable, and the tariff revisions should be allowed to go into effect.

The filing was submitted on December 5, 2012, which is less than 30 days prior to the effective date. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 759.190 requires tariff filings to be made at least 30 days prior to their effective dates. However, the Company has filed a request for waiver of the statutory notice requirement so that the tariff filing can be allowed to go into effect with less than the 30 days notice.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Idaho Power Company’s Advice No. 12-17 be allowed to go into effect on January 1, 2013 with less than statutory notice.