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To CAC and project team members: this news release went to the *Idaho Mountain Express* and *Times-News* this afternoon, following the application filing with the PUC.

As a reminder, a CPCN is the way by which the IPUC reviews and validates the *need* for large projects proposed by a regulated utility to provide necessary services to the public. Idaho Power will continue to work through each jurisdiction's permitting process concurrent with this filing and will obtain necessary permits required for *use* of the land.

Best,
Lynette

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Idaho Power Files Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to Validate Need for Proposed Wood River Valley Transmission Line

The application, routine for large capital projects, asks the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) to find that construction of the new line is needed and necessary to continue providing safe and reliable electric service to customers in the Wood River Valley.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 8, 2016 – Today, Idaho Power submitted to the IPUC a request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for a proposed redundant, or second, 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Hailey and Ketchum. A CPCN is the way by which the IPUC reviews and validates the need for large projects proposed by a regulated utility to provide necessary services to the public.

Construction of the redundant 138-kV transmission line is necessary to 1) increase reliability to the Wood River Valley with a redundant source of energy; and 2) facilitate reconstruction of the existing and aging 138-kV radial transmission line without long-term disruption of service to the northern Wood River Valley (East Fork to Galena Summit). There are more than 9,100 customers in this area, with a winter peak load of more than 60 megawatts.

Idaho Power has worked collaboratively for more than a decade with the Wood River Valley Community Advisory Committee developing the Wood River Electrical Plan. The plan maps out infrastructure needs for decades to continue providing customers reliable electric service. The company will continue to work through each jurisdiction's permitting process concurrent with this filing and will obtain necessary permits required for use of the land.

Idaho Power is not seeking any specific rate recovery for this project at this time.

Opportunities for Public Review

Idaho Power's filing is a proposal that is subject to public review and approval by the IPUC. Copies of the application are available to the public at the IPUC offices (472 W. Washington St., Boise, Idaho, 83702), Idaho Power offices or on Idaho Power's website, idahopower.com, or the IPUC website, puc.idaho.gov. Customers also may subscribe to the IPUC's RSS feed to receive periodic updates via email about the case. Written comments regarding Idaho Power's application may be filed with the IPUC.

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About Idaho Power Company:
Idaho Power, headquartered in Boise, Idaho, and locally operated since 1916, is an electric utility that employs more than 2,000 people who serve nearly 530,000 customers throughout a 24,000-square-mile area in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. With 17 low-cost hydroelectric projects as the core of its diverse generation portfolio, Idaho Power's residential, business and agricultural customers pay among the nation's lowest rates for electricity. IDACORP, Inc. (NYSE: IDA), Idaho Power's independent publicly traded parent company, is also headquartered in Boise, Idaho. To learn more, visit idahopower.com or idacorpinc.com.

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