

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into among the State of Idaho, by and through the Governor, hereinafter referred to as "State"; John V. Evans, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Idaho; Jim Jones, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the State of Idaho; and Idaho Power Company, a corporation hereinafter referred to as "Company".

1. Effective Date

This Agreement shall take effect upon execution, except as to paragraphs 7, 8, and 11.

2. Executive Commitment

When the parties agree on certain actions to be taken by State, it is their intent to commit the executive branch of Idaho state government, subject to constitutional and statutory limitations, to take those actions.

3. Attorney General

Jim Jones is a party to this Agreement solely by reason of his official position as counsel for the State of Idaho and its agencies in Idaho Power Company v. State of Idaho, Ada County Civil Case No. 62237 and Idaho Power Company v. Idaho Department of Water Resources, Ada County Civil Case No. 81375.

4. Good Faith

When the parties agree to jointly recommend a particular piece of legislation or action by another entity, each party agrees to actively and in good faith support such legislation or action.

The State shall enforce the State Water Plan and shall assert the existence of water rights held in trust by the State and that the Snake River is fully appropriated as needed to enforce the State Water Plan. State and Company shall not take any position before the legislature or any court, board or agency which is inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.

5. Stay Of Current Court And Regulatory Action

A. The parties shall file a motion with the court in Ada County Civil Case Numbers 81375 and 62237, seeking a



stay of further proceedings until seven days following the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 48th Idaho Legislature, except as to preservation of testimony pursuant to the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure, completion of designated discovery filed by the State of Idaho and dismissal of various defendants by Company. The State shall designate in writing, within fifteen (15) days from the execution of this Agreement, those items of its discovery that must be responded to by Company. The Company shall respond to those items of discovery designated by the State within ninety (90) days from execution of this Agreement.

- B. The parties shall request the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to stay any subordination-related decisions in any Company project listed in paragraph 7 licensing or relicensing proceeding pending implementation of this Agreement except as contemplated in paragraph 12 of this Agreement. The parties acknowledge, however, that FERC could independently take action prejudicial to their interests and, in such event, the parties may take reasonable actions necessary to protect their interests. Further, the State shall not file any motions to intervene in Project Numbers 2777 (Upper Salmon) and 2778 (Shoshone Falls); however, by agreeing to this provision, the Company in return waives any defense to the timeliness of a motion to intervene caused by this Agreement in the event this Agreement is not implemented. Company is not agreeing, however, that a motion to intervene would be timely if filed now.
- C. The parties shall not attempt to influence any executive agency of the United States to take a particular position regarding subordination in any Company FERC licensing or relicensing proceeding pending implementation of this Agreement.

6. Legislative Program

The parties agree to propose and support the following legislation to implement this Agreement:

- A. Enactment of Public Interest Criteria as set forth in Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

- B. Funding for a general adjudication of the Snake River Basin generally as set forth in Exhibit 2 attached hereto.
- C. Establishment of an effective water marketing system.
- D. Funding for hydrologic and economic studies, as set forth in Exhibit 3 attached hereto.
- E. Allocation of gains upon sale of utility property as set forth in Exhibit 4 attached hereto.
- F. Limitations on IPUC jurisdiction as set forth in Exhibit 5 attached hereto.
- G. Rulemaking and moratorium authority for Idaho Department of Water Resources generally as set forth in Exhibit 8 attached hereto.

7. Company's Water Right

State and Company agree that Company's water right shall be as follows (Bracketed names used below refer to Company projects):

- A. State Water License Numbers 36-2013 (Thousand Springs), 37-2128 & 37-2472 (Lower Malad), 37-2471 (Upper Malad), 36-2018 (Clear Lake), 36-2026 (Sand Springs), 02-2057 (Upper Salmon), 02-2001A, 02-2001B, 02-2059, 02-2060 (Lower Salmon), 02-2064, 02-2065 (Bliss), 02-2056 (Twin Falls), 02-2036 (Shoshone Falls), 02-2032, 02-4000, 02-4001, and Decree Number 02-0100 (Swan Falls) entitle the Company to an unsubordinated right of 3900 c.f.s. average daily flow from April 1 to October 31, and 5600 c.f.s. average daily flow from November 1 to March 31, both to be measured at the Murphy U.S.G.S. gauging station immediately below Swan Falls. These flows are not subject to depletion. The Murphy gauging station is located at latitude 43° 17' 31", Longitude 116° 25' 12", in NW1/4NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 35 in Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Ada County Hydrologic Unit 17050103, on right bank 4.2 miles downstream from Swan Falls Power plant, 7.5 miles NE of Murphy, at river mile 453.5.
- B. The Company is also entitled to use the flow of the Snake River at its facilities to the extent of its actual beneficial use but not to exceed those amounts stated in State Water License Numbers 36-2013 (Thousand Springs), 37-2128 & 37-2472 (Lower Malad),

37-2471 (Upper Malad), 36-2018 (Clear Lake), 36-2026 (Sand Springs), 02-2057 (Upper Salmon), 02-2001A, 02-2001B, 02-2059, 02-2060 (Lower Salmon), 02-2064, 02-2065 (Bliss), 02-2056 (Twin Falls), 02-2036 (Shoshone Falls), 02-2032, 02-4000, 02-4001, and Decree Number 02-0100 (Swan Falls), but such rights in excess of the amounts stated in 7(A) shall be subordinate to subsequent beneficial upstream uses upon approval of such uses by the State in accordance with State law unless the depletion violates or will violate paragraph 7(A). Company retains its right to contest any appropriation of water in accordance with State law. Company further retains the right to compel State to take reasonable steps to insure the average daily flows established by this Agreement at the Murphy U.S.G.S. gauging station. Average daily flow, as used herein, shall be based upon actual flow conditions; thus, any fluctuations resulting from the operation of Company facilities shall not be considered in the calculation of the minimum daily stream flows set forth herein. This paragraph shall constitute a subordination condition.

- C. The Company's rights listed in paragraph 7(A) and 7(B) are also subordinate to the uses of those persons dismissed from Ada County Case No. 81375 pursuant to the contract executed between the State and Company implementing the terms of I.C. §§ 61-539 and 61-540.
- D. The Company's rights listed in paragraph 7(A) and 7(B) are also subordinate to those persons who have beneficially used water prior to October 1, 1984, and who have filed an application or claim for said use by June 30, 1985.
- E. Company's ability to purchase, lease, own, or otherwise acquire water from sources upstream of its power plants and convey it to and past its power plants below Milner Dam shall not be limited by this agreement. Such flows shall be considered fluctuations resulting from operation of Company facilities.
- F. Upon implementation of this Agreement, State and Company shall consent to entry of decrees in Ada County Civil Case Nos. 62237 and 81375 that describe the Company's water right as provided in paragraphs 7(A) through 7(E).

8. Damages Waiver

Company waives any claim against the State or its agencies for compensation or damages it may have or that may arise from any diminution in water available to Company at its facilities as a result of this Agreement. Company waives any claim for compensation or damages from any use approved by the state in accordance with paragraph 7B. Company retains its right to seek injunctions, compensation, damages, or other relief from any future appropriator, as defined in paragraph 7(B), whose use of water violates or will violate the Company's water right of 3900 c.f.s. average daily flow from April 1 to October 31, and 5600 c.f.s. average daily flow from November 1 to March 31, as measured at the Murphy gauging station, and also retains its rights against the state and its agencies as set out in paragraph 7(B).

9. Proposed 1180 Contract

The parties acknowledge that the Governor and the Company have finalized the terms of a contract that would implement the provisions of Senate Bill 1180 of the First Regular Session of the Idaho Legislature, presently codified as §§ 61-539 and 61-540, Idaho Code which is being executed on this date.

10. Agreement Not An Admission

The parties agree that this Agreement represents an attempt to compromise pending litigation, and it shall not be considered an admission, waiver, or abandonment of any issue of fact or law by any party, and no party will assert or contend that paragraphs 7, 8, and 11 have any legal effect until this Agreement is implemented by the accomplishment of the acts described in paragraph 13.

11. Status of State Water Plan

State and Company agree that the resolution of Company's water rights and recognition thereof by State together with the Idaho State Water Plan provide a sound comprehensive plan for the management of the Snake River watershed. Thus, the parties acknowledge that this Agreement provides a plan best adapted to develop, conserve, and utilize the water resources of the region in the public interest. Upon implementation of this agreement, State and Company will present the Idaho State Water Plan and this document to FERC as a comprehensive plan for the management of the Snake River Watershed.

12. Regulatory Approvals

- A. Within 45 days of the execution of this Agreement, Company shall file appropriate pleadings or other documents with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC), to obtain an order determining that the execution and implementation of this Agreement is in the public interest, and does not constitute an abandonment, relinquishment or transfer of utility property. Such pleadings or other documents shall also provide that the order shall state that any effect upon the Company's hydro generation resulting from execution and implementation of this Agreement shall not be grounds now or in the future for a finding or an order that the Company's rate base or any part thereof is overstated or that any portion of its electrical plant in service is no longer used and useful or not devoted to public service, nor will such effect upon the Company's hydro generation be grounds for a finding or an order reducing the Company's present or future revenue requirement or any present or future rate, tariff, schedule or charge.

In the event the IPUC does not issue an order acceptable to the parties, the parties will seek appropriate remedial legislation.

- B. i. Within forty-five (45) days of the execution of this Agreement, the Company shall file with FERC a request for a declaratory ruling that the implementation of this agreement assures a sufficient supply of water for Project Numbers 1975 (Bliss), 2061 (Lower Salmon), 2777 (Upper Salmon), 2055 (C.J. Strike), 2778 (Shoshone Falls), 18 (Twin Falls), 2726 (Upper and Lower Malad), and 503 (Swan Falls).
- ii. Within forty-five (45) days of implementation of this Agreement, the Company shall submit this Agreement and the consent decree to FERC in the proceedings for relicensing of Project Numbers 18 (Twin Falls), and 503 (Swan Falls) and the State and Company shall request that FERC recognize this Agreement as a definition of the Company's water rights in those proceedings.
- iii. When any project listed in (i) hereof is hereafter due for relicensing proceeding, Company

shall submit this Agreement to FERC in the relicensing proceeding, and the State and Company shall request that FERC recognize this Agreement as a definition of the Company's water right in those proceedings.

- C. The Governor and Attorney General on behalf of the State and its agencies shall seek intervention in support of the Company's efforts before the IPUC and FERC, and shall actively support the issuance of acceptable orders by both Commissions, and shall provide authorized witnesses to testify in the proceedings at the request of Company.
- D. Company shall, if necessary, file appropriate pleadings or other documents with the Public Utility Commissioner of Oregon for an order similar to that stated in paragraph 12(A). Such filing, if necessary, shall be done within forty-five (45) days of the execution of this Agreement.

13. Conditions on Effectiveness

- A. The provisions of paragraphs 7, 8, and 11 shall not be binding and effective until each of the following conditions have been implemented:
 - i. Amendment of the State Water Plan to implement the provisions of Exhibit 6;
 - ii. Enactment of the legislative program outlined in paragraph 6;
 - iii. Issuance of an appropriate order by IPUC as set forth in paragraph 12(A), or enactment of appropriate legislation by the State of Idaho, as set forth in Exhibit 5;
 - iv. Issuance of an appropriate order by FERC in a form acceptable to the parties as set out in paragraph 12(B)(i);
 - v. Dismissal with prejudice of the proceeding pending before the IPUC in Case No. U-1006-124;
 - vi. Issuance of an appropriate order by the Public Utility Commissioner of Oregon if Company has requested one; and

vii. Enactment by the State of Idaho of subordination legislation, as set forth in Exhibits 7A and 7B attached to this Agreement.

B. In the event any of these conditions are not implemented, or should this Agreement be terminated as provided in paragraph 16, then this Agreement shall be void.

14. Authority of Department of Water Resources and Idaho Water Resource Board Not Affected

This Agreement shall not be construed to limit or interfere with the authority and duty of the Idaho Department of Water Resources or the Idaho Water Resource Board to enforce and administer any of the laws of the state which it is authorized to enforce and administer.

15. Waiver, Modification or Amendment

No waiver, modification, or amendment of this Agreement or of any covenants, conditions, or limitations herein contained shall be valid unless in writing duly executed by the parties and the parties further agree that the provisions of this section may not be waived, modified, or amended except as herein set forth.

16. Termination of Contract

This Agreement shall terminate upon the failure to satisfy any of the conditions stated in paragraph 13. The parties shall meet on May 15, 1985, to determine if the contract shall be continued or terminated.

17. Subsequent Changes In Law

This Agreement is contingent upon certain enactments of law by the State and action by the Idaho Water Resource Board. Thus, within this Agreement, reference is made to state law in defining respective rights and obligations of the parties. Therefore, upon implementation of the conditions contained in paragraph 13, any subsequent final order by a court of competent jurisdiction, legislative enactment or administrative ruling shall not affect the validity of this Agreement.

18. Successors

The provisions of this Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of the parties.

19. Entire Agreement

This Agreement sets forth all the covenants, promises, provisions, agreements, conditions, and understandings between the parties and there are no covenants, provisions, promises, agreements, conditions, or understandings, either oral or written between them other than are herein set forth.

20. Effect of Section Headings

The section headings appearing in this Agreement are not to be construed as interpretations of the text but are inserted for convenience and reference only.

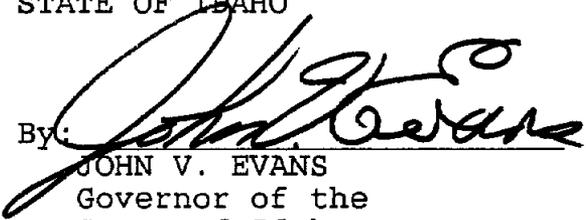
21. Multiple Originals

This Agreement is executed in quadruplicate. Each of the four (4) Agreements with an original signature of each party shall be an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement at Boise, Idaho, this 25th day of October, 1984.

STATE OF IDAHO

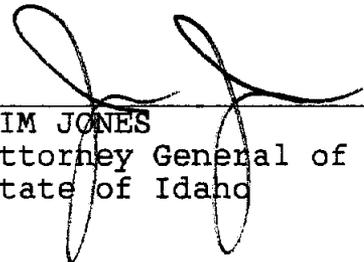
IDAHO POWER COMPANY

By: 

JOHN V. EVANS
Governor of the
State of Idaho

By: 

JAMES E. BRUCE
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive
Officer

By: 

JIM JONES
Attorney General of the
State of Idaho

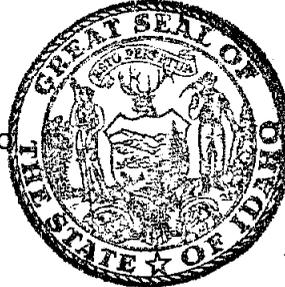
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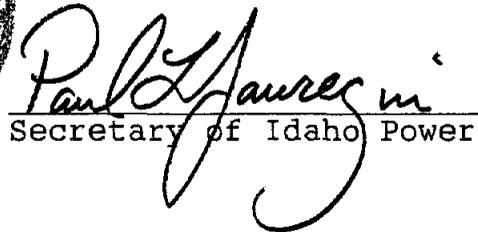
PETE T. CENARRUSA
Secretary of State

(Seal of the State of Idaho)

(Corporate Seal of Idaho
Power Company)



ATTEST:


Secretary of Idaho Power

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

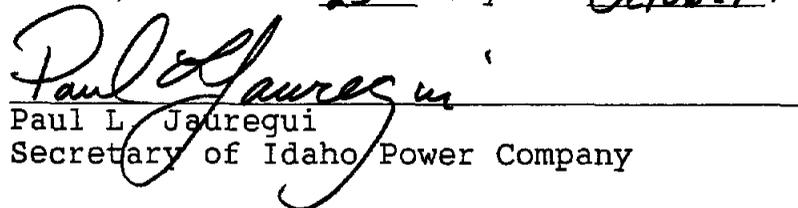
Paul L. Jauregui, as secretary of Idaho Power Company, a Maine Corporation, hereby certifies as follows:

(1) That the corporate seal, or facsimile thereof, affixed to the instrument is in fact the seal of the corporation, or a true facsimile thereof, as the case may be; and

(2) That any officer of the corporation executing the instrument does in fact occupy the official position indicated, that one in such position is duly authorized to execute such instrument on behalf of the corporation, and that the signature of such officer subscribed thereunto is genuine; and

(3) That the execution of the instrument on behalf of the corporation has been duly authorized.

In witness whereof, I, PAUL L. JAUREGUI, as the secretary of Idaho Power Company, a Maine corporation, have executed this certificate and affixed the seal of Idaho Power Company, a Maine Corporation, on this 25th day of October, 1984.


Paul L. Jauregui
Secretary of Idaho Power Company

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

PETE T. CENARRUSA, as Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, hereby certifies as follows:

1. That the State of Idaho seal, or facsimile thereof, affixed to the instrument is in fact the seal of the State of Idaho, or a true facsimile thereof, as the case may be; and
2. That the officials of the State of Idaho executing the instrument do in fact occupy the official positions indicated, that they are duly authorized to execute such instrument on behalf of the State of Idaho, and that the signatures of such officials of the State of Idaho subscribed thereunto are genuine; and
3. That the execution of the instrument on behalf of the State has been duly authorized.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Pete T. Cenarrusa, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, have executed this Certificate and affixed the seal of the State of Idaho on this 25th day of October, 1984.



PETE T. CENARRUSA
Secretary of State
State of Idaho

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Ada)

On this 25th day of October, 1984, before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared JAMES E. BRUCE, and PAUL L. JAUREGUI, known or

identified to me to be the President and Secretary, respectively, of Idaho Power Company, the corporation that executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

David Knowles
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR IDAHO
Residing at *Boise, Idaho*

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Ada)

On this *25th* day of *October*, 1984, before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared JOHN V. EVANS, known or identified to me to be the Governor of the State of Idaho; JIM JONES, known or identified to me to be the Attorney General of the State of Idaho; and PETE T. CENARRUSA, known to me to be the Secretary of the State of Idaho; and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

David Knowles
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR IDAHO
Residing at *Boise, Idaho*

Exhibit 1

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Forty-eighth Legislature

First Regular Session - 1985

IN THE _____

_____ BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS FOR HYDROPOWER PURPOSES; AMENDING SECTION 42-203, IDAHO CODE, BY MAKING CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES AND BY PROVIDING FOR THE MAILING OF NOTICES TO PAID SUBSCRIBERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-203C TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER PUBLIC INTEREST CRITERIA WHEN AN APPLICANT'S APPROPRIATION WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WATER AVAILABLE FOR A SUBORDINATED POWER USE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-203D TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW ALL PERMITS ISSUED PRIOR TO THIS ACT'S EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 42-203, Idaho Code be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-203. NOTICE UPON RECEIPT OF APPLICATION -- PROTEST -- HEARING AND FINDINGS -- APPEALS. ~~On and after the passage/ approval and effective date of this section/~~ (1) Upon receipt of an application to appropriate the waters of this state, the department of water resources, shall prepare a notice in such form as the department may prescribe, specifying: (a) the number of the application; and (b) the

date of filing thereof/; (c) the name and post-office address of the applicant/ (d) the source of the water supply/; (e) the amount of water to be appropriated/ (f) in general the nature of the proposed use/ (g) the approximate location of the point of diversion/ (h) and the point of use/. The department shall also state in said notice that any protest against the approval of such application, in form prescribed by the department, shall be filed with the department within ten (10) days from the last date of publication of such notice.

(2) The director of the department of water resources shall cause the notice to be published in a newspaper printed within the county wherein the point of diversion lies, or in the event no newspaper is printed in said county, then in a newspaper of general circulation therein. When the application proposes a diversion in excess of 20 c.f.s. or 2,000 acre feet, the director shall cause the notice to be published in the newspaper(s) sufficient to achieve statewide circulation. This notice shall be published at least once a week for two (2) successive weeks.

(3) The director of the department shall cause a copy of the notice of application to be sent by ordinary mail to any person who requests in writing to receive any class of notices of application and who pays an annual mailing fee as established by departmental regulation.

(4) Any person, firm, association or corporation concerned in any such application may, within the time allowed in the notice of application, file with said director of the department of water resources a written protest against the approval of such application, which protest shall state the name and address of protestant and shall be signed by him or by his agent or attorney and shall clearly set forth his objections to the approval of such application. Hearing upon the protest so filed shall be held within sixty (60) days from the date such protest is received. Notice of this hearing shall be given by mailing notice not less than ten (10) days before the date of hearing and shall be forwarded to both the applicant and the protestant, or protestants, by certified mail. Such notice shall state the names of the applicant and protestant, or protestants, the time and place fixed for the hearing and such other information as the director of the department of water resources may deem advisable. In the event that no protest is filed, then the director of the department of water resources may forthwith approve the application, providing the same in all respects conforms with the requirements of this chapter, and with the regulations of the department of water resources.

(5) Such hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 42-1701A(1) and (2), Idaho Code. The director of the department of water resources shall find and determine from the evidence presented to what use or uses the water sought to be appropriated can be and are intended to be applied. In all applications whether protested or not protested, where the proposed use is such (a) that it will reduce the quantity of water under existing water rights, or (b) that the water supply itself is insufficient for the purpose for which it is sought to be appropriated, or (c) where it appears to the satisfaction of the department that such application is not made in good faith, is made for delay or speculative purposes, or (d) that the applicant has not sufficient financial resources with which to complete the work involved therein, or (e) that it will conflict with the local public interest, where the local public interest is defined as the affairs of the people in the area directly affected by the proposed use; The director of the department of water resources may reject such application and refuse issuance of a permit therefor, or may partially approve and grant a permit for a smaller quantity of water than applied for, or may grant permit upon conditions. The provisions of this section shall apply to any boundary stream between this and any other state in all cases where the water sought to be appropriated has its source largely within the state, irrespective of the location of any proposed power generating plant.

(6) Any person or corporation who has formally appeared at the hearing, ~~feeling~~ aggrieved by the judgment of the director of the department of water resources, may seek judicial review thereof in accordance with section 42-1071A(4), Idaho Code.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 2, Title 42, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION to be known and designated as Section 42-203C, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

42-203C. PUBLIC INTEREST DETERMINATION -- CRITERIA -- WEIGHT -- BURDEN OF PROOF.

(1) If an applicant intends to appropriate water which is or may be available for appropriation by reason of a subordination condition applicable to a water right for power purposes, then the director shall consider, prior to approving the application, the criteria established in section 42-203A, and whether the proposed use would significantly reduce, individually or cumulatively with other uses, the amount of water available to the holder of a water right used for power production and, if so, whether the proposed use is in the public interest.

(2)(a) The director in making such determinations for purposes of this section shall consider:

- (i) the potential benefits, both direct and indirect, that the proposed use would provide to the state and local economy;
- (ii) the economic impact the proposed use would have upon electric utility rates in the State of Idaho, and the availability, foreseeability and cost of alternative energy sources to ameliorate such impact, to the state and local economy;
- (iii) the promotion of the family farming tradition;
- (iv) the promotion of full economic and multiple use development of the water resources of the State of Idaho;
- (v) whether the proposed development conforms to a staged development policy of up to 20,000 acres per year or 80,000 acres in any four-year period in the Snake River Basin above the Murphy gauge.

No single factor enumerated above shall be entitled to greater weight by the director in arriving at this determination.

(b) The burden of proof under this section shall be on the protestant.

SECTION 3. That Chapter 2, Title 42, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION to be known and designated as Section 42-203D, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

42-203D. REVIEW OF PERMITS -- OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING. The department shall review all permits issued prior to the effective date of this section, except to the extent a permit has been put to beneficial use prior to July 1, 1985, to determine whether they comply with the provisions of chapter 2, title 42, Idaho Code. If the department finds that the proposed use does not satisfy the criteria of chapter 2, title 42, Idaho Code, then the department shall either cancel the permit or impose the conditions required to bring the permit into compliance with chapter 2, title 42, Idaho Code. If the department finds that the permit satisfies the criteria established by chapter 2, title 42, Idaho Code, then the department shall enter an order continuing the permit.

The department shall provide an opportunity for hearing in accordance with section 1701A, title 42, Idaho Code and sections 5209 through 5215, title 67, Idaho Code, for each holder of a permit that is either cancelled or made subject to new conditions.

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Forty-eighth Legislature

First Regular Session - 1985

IN THE _____

_____ BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1406A PROVIDING FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF AN ADJUDICATION OF THE WATER RIGHTS OF THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN; AMENDING SECTION 42-1414, IDAHO CODE, TO MODIFY THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR FILING A NOTICE OF CLAIM IN A WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATION PROCEEDING AND PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTION OF THE FEES; AMENDING CHAPTER 17, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1777 PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADJUDICATION ACCOUNT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 14, Title 42, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 42-1406A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

42-1406A. SNAKE RIVER BASIN ADJUDICATION - COMMENCEMENT.

(1) Effective management in the public interest of the waters of the Snake River Basin requires that a comprehensive determination of the nature, extent and priority of the rights of all users of surface and ground water from that system be determined. Therefore, the director of the department of water resources on or after July 1, 1985 shall petition the district court of Ada County to commence an adjudication of the water rights of the Snake River Basin either through initiation of a new proceeding or the enlargement of an ongoing adjudication proceeding. The petition shall describe:

(a) the boundaries of the entire system within the state to be adjudicated;

(b) the boundaries of any hydrologic sub-basins within the system for which the director intends to proceed separately with respect to the actions required or authorized to be taken pursuant to sections 42-1408 through 42-1413, Idaho Code; and

(c) the uses of water, if any, within the system that are recommended to be excluded from the adjudication proceeding.

(2) Upon issuance of an order by the district court which:

(a) authorizes the director to commence an investigation and determination of the various water rights existing within the system;

(b) defines the system boundaries;

(c) defines the boundaries of any hydrologic sub-basins within the system for which proceedings may advance separately pursuant to sections 42-1408 through 42-1412, Idaho Code; and

(d) defines any uses of water excluded from the adjudication proceeding;

the adjudication shall proceed in the manner provided by the provisions of chapter 14, title 42, Idaho Code, with the exception of sections 42-1406 and 42-1407.

SECTION 2. That section 42-1414, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-1414. FEES FOR FILING NOTICE OF CLAIM - In order to provide an adequate and equitable cost-sharing formula for financing the costs of adjudicating water rights The department of water resources shall accept no notice of claim required under the provisions of section 42-4109, Idaho Code, unless such notice of claim is submitted with a filing fee based upon the quantity of water claimed which shall be determined on the same basis as the fee for filing an application for a permit to appropriate the public waters of this state as provided in section 42-221, Idaho Code, except that where such claim is in connection with a water right established pursuant to a valid permit or license previously issued by the department of water administration or a water right which has previously been adjudicated by a state or federal court, the claimant shall pay a filing fee of only

ten dollars (\$10.00) fee schedule set forth below. Failure to pay the variable water use fee in accordance with the timetable provided shall be cause for the department to reject and return the notice of claim to the claimant. Provided/ however/ that no filing fee shall be required with any notice of claim when proceedings for adjudication involving such claim were under way when this act/ Chapter 153/ Laws of 1971/ was enacted/ The fee schedule set forth below applies to adjudication proceedings commenced or enlarged on or after July 1, 1985 and to adjudication proceedings for which a proposed finding of water rights has not been filed with the appropriate district court by the department of water resources prior to July 1, 1985.

A. Flat fee per claim filed:

1. Claims for domestic and/or stock-watering rights \$25.00
2. Claims for all other rights. \$50.00

B. Additional variable water use fee for each claim filed:

1. Irrigation use: \$ 1.00 per acre.
2. Power: \$ 25.00 per c.f.s.
3. Aquaculture: \$ 10.00 per c.f.s.
4. Municipal, Industrial, Commercial, Mining, Heating, Cooling: \$100.00 per c.f.s.
5. Public: \$100.00 per c.f.s.
6. Miscellaneous: flat fee only.

C. Payment of a variable water use fee of more than \$1,000.00 may be spread out over as many as five annual equal payments with 10 percent interest accruing on the unpaid balance. All fees collected by the department pursuant to this section shall be placed in the water resources adjudication account established by section 42-1777, Idaho Code.

SECTION 3. That Chapter 17, Title 42, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 42-1777, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

42-1777. WATER RESOURCES ADJUDICATION ACCOUNT. - A water resource adjudication account is hereby created and established in the agency asset fund. Fee moneys in the account

are to be utilized by the department of water resources, upon appropriation by the legislature, to pay the costs of the department attributable to the Snake River Basin adjudication provided for by section 42-7406A, Idaho Code.

The state treasurer is directed to invest all moneys in the account. All interest or other income accruing from such investment shall accrue to the account.

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IN THE _____

_____ BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Office of the Governor from the general account the amount of \$200,000 to be used for the purpose of conducting hydrologic and economic studies of the Snake River Basin. A technical advisory committee named by the Governor shall oversee the studies.

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IN THE _____

_____ BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 61, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A
NEW SECTION 61-502B TO PROVIDE THAT GAIN UPON SALE OF A
PUBLIC UTILITY'S WATER RIGHT SHALL ACCRUE TO THE BENEFIT OF
THE RATEPAYERS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1 - That Chapter 5, Title 61, Idaho Code, be, and the
same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW
SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 61-502B, Idaho
Code, and to read as follows:

61-502B. ALLOCATION OF GAIN UPON SALE OF WATER RIGHT.

The gain upon sale of a public utility's water right used
for the generation of electricity shall accrue to the benefit
of the ratepayers.

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: PROPOSED LEGISLATION RELATING TO UTILITIES COMMISSION AND ITS JURISDICTION TO REVIEW REVENUE REQUIREMENT AND OTHER REGULATORY IMPLICATIONS OF SWAN FALLS COMPROMISE.

SECTION 1 -- FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.--After hearing testimony from the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Attorney General, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Idaho Department of Water Resources, the Idaho Water Resources Board, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, other governmental entities and other interested groups and individuals of the State of Idaho, the legislature hereby finds that while portions of the testimony differ, the [describe the settlement and stipulation] is in the public interest for all purposes, including but not limited to, all purposes under the Public Utilities Law, as amended. Implementation of the settlement will resolve continuing controversy over electric utility water rights in the Snake River Basin above Murphy U.S.G.S gaging station. That controversy has rendered the amount of the water available for hydropower uncertain, thus placing at risk both the availability of low-cost hydropower to the ratepayers and the state's ability to manage an increasingly scarce resource. This settlement balances all of the parties' concerns and insures that existing hydropower-generating facilities will remain useful, that ratepayers will not be burdened with excessive costs, and that availability of water for additional domestic, manufacturing, and agricultural uses will judiciously expand.

SECTION 2 -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION--JURISDICTION.--The Idaho Public Utilities Commission shall have no jurisdiction to consider in any proceeding, whether instituted before or after the effective date of this act, any issue as to whether any electric utility, (including Idaho Power Company), should have or could have preserved, maintained or protected its water rights and hydroelectric generation in a manner inconsistent with [describe the settlement and stipulation].

SECTION 3 -- IPUC--EFFECT OF AGREEMENT.--In any proceeding before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, including but not limited to a proceeding in which the commission is setting or reviewing the revenue requirement of any electric utility (including Idaho Power Company), the commission shall accept as reasonable and in the public interest for all purposes, the [describe the settlement and stipulation], including without limitation the effects of implementation of such [describe the settlement and stipulation] on the utility's revenue requirements and hydroelectric generation.

SECTION 4 -- EXEMPTION.--Implementation of the [] shall not constitute a sale, assignment, conveyance or transfer within the meaning of §§61-327, 61-328, 61-329, 61-330, and 61-331, I.C., to the extent any of those sections may apply.

EXHIBIT 6

The executive branch of the State of Idaho and the Idaho Power Company agree to recommend that the following positions be incorporated into policy 32 of the state water plan.

1. The minimum daily flow at the Murphy gauging station should be increased to 3,900 c.f.s. from April 1 through October 31 and to 5,600 c.f.s from November 1 to March 31.
2. The minimum daily flow at the Milner gauging station shall remain at zero c.f.s.
3. New storage projects upstream from the Murphy gauge should only be approved after it is determined that existing storage above Murphy is fully utilized.
4. The Idaho Water Resource Board should consider reserving a block of water for future DCMI purposes.
5. There should be an express recognition of the adverse effects of diversions for storage from the mainstream of the Snake River between Milner and Murphy on hydropower production from November 1 to March 31. In this regard, approval of any new storage projects that contemplate the diversion of water during the November 1 to March 31 period from the mainstream of the Snake River between Milner Dam and Murphy Gauge should be coupled with provisions that mitigate the impact such depletions would have on the generation of hydropower.

[The parties are proposing a policy which is neutral on the question of which Company facilities should be considered in mitigation decisions. At any later time the Board considers that question, the parties reserve the right to take any position they deem appropriate.]

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AN ACT

AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-203B, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SUBORDINATE RIGHTS GRANTED FOR POWER PURPOSES TO SUBSEQUENT UPSTREAM RIGHTS, AND TO LIMIT PERMITS OR LICENSES GRANTED FOR POWER PURPOSES TO A SPECIFIC TERM.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 2, Title 42, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 42-203B, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

42-203B. AUTHORITY TO SUBORDINATE RIGHTS -- NATURE OF SUBORDINATED WATER RIGHT AND AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A SUBORDINATION CONDITION -- AUTHORITY TO LIMIT TERM OF PERMIT OR LICENSE. The director shall have the authority to subordinate the rights granted in a permit or license for power purposes to subsequent upstream beneficial depletionary uses. A subordinated water right for power use does not give rise to any claim against, or right to interfere with, the holder of subsequent upstream rights established pursuant to state law. The director shall also have the authority to limit a permit or license for power purposes to a specific term.

SECTION 2. This Act does not apply to licenses which have already been issued as of the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this Act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.

Section 1:

1. The legislature finds and declares that it is in the public interest to specifically implement the state's power to regulate and limit the use of water for power purposes and to define the relationship between the state and the holder of a water right for power purposes to the extent such right exceeds an established minimum flow. The purposes of the trust established by Sections 2 and 3 of this act are to assure an adequate supply of water for all future beneficial uses and to clarify and protect the right of a user of water for power purposes to continue using the water pending approval of depletionary future beneficial uses. [Further findings will be added]

2. A water right for power purposes which is defined by agreement with the state as unsubordinated to the extent of a minimum flow established by state action shall remain unsubordinated as defined by the agreement. Any portion of the water rights for power purposes in excess of the level so established shall be held in trust by the State of Idaho, by and through the Governor, for the use and benefit of the user of the water for power purposes, and of the people of the State of Idaho. The rights held in trust shall be subject to subordination to and depletion by future upstream beneficial users whose rights are acquired pursuant to state law.

3. Water rights for power purposes not defined by agreement with the state shall not be subject to depletion below any applicable minimum stream flow established by state action. Water rights for power purposes in excess of such minimum stream flow shall be held in trust by the State of Idaho, by and through the Governor, for the use and benefit of the users of water for power purposes and of the people of the State of Idaho. The rights held in trust shall be subject to subordination to and depletion by future upstream beneficial users whose rights are acquired pursuant to state law.

4. The user of water for power purposes as beneficiary of the trust established by Sections 2 and 3 shall be entitled to use water available at its facilities to the extent of the water right, and to protect its rights to the use of the water as provided by state law against depletions or claims not in accordance with state law.

5. The Governor or his designee is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into agreements with holders of water rights for power purposes to define that portion of their water rights at or below the level of the applicable minimum stream flow as being unsubordinated to upstream beneficial uses and depletions, and to define such rights in excess thereof as

being held in trust by the State according to Section 2 above. Such agreements shall be subject to ratification by law. The contract entered into by the Governor and the Idaho Power Company on October 24, 1984, is hereby found and declared to be such an agreement, and the legislature hereby ratifies the Governor's authority and power to enter into this agreement.

Section 2: This Act shall not be construed as modifying, amending, or repealing any interstate compact.

Section 3: The provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of remaining portions of this Act.

Section 4: An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this Act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.

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_____ BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 42-1805, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES SHALL HAVE
THE POWER TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 42-1805, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

42-1805. ADDITIONAL DUTIES -- In addition to other duties
prescribed by law, the director of the department of water
resources shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To represent the state in all matters pertaining to
interstate and international water rights affecting Idaho water
resources; and to cooperate with all agencies, now existing or
hereafter to be formed, within the state or within other
jurisdictions, in matters affecting the development of the
water resources of this state.

(2) To prepare a present and continuing inventory of the
water resources of this state, ascertain means and methods of
conserving and augmenting these and determine as accurately as
possible the most effective means by which these water
resources may be applied for the benefit of the people of this
state.

(3) To conduct surveys, tests, investigations, research, examinations, studies, and estimates of cost relating to availability of unappropriated water, effective use of existing supply, conservation, storage, distribution and use of water.

(4) To prepare and compile information and data obtained and to make the same available to interested individuals or agencies.

(5) To cooperate with and coordinate activities with the administrator of the division of environmental protection of the department of health and welfare as such activities relate to the functions of either or both departments concerning water quality. Such cooperation and coordination shall specifically require that:

(a) The director meet at least quarterly with the administrator and his staff to discuss water quality programs. A copy of the minutes of such meeting shall be transmitted to the governor.

(b) The director transmit to the administrator, reports and information prepared by him pertaining to water quality programs, and proposed rules and regulations pertaining to water quality programs.

(c) The director shall make available to the administrator and the administrator shall make available to the director all notices of hearings relating to the promulgation of rules and regulations relating to water quality, waste discharge permits, and stream channel alteration, as such directly affect water quality, and notice of any other hearings and meetings which relate to water quality.

(6) To perform administrative duties and such other functions as the board may from time to time assign to the director to enable the board to carry out its powers and duties.

(7) To suspend the issuance of licenses or permits of a defined class or in a defined geographic area, as necessary to protect existing uses, ensure compliance with state law or implement the State Water Plan.

(8) To promulgate, adopt, modify, repeal and enforce rules and regulations implementing or effectuating the powers and duties of the department.