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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Idaho Power Company

Project Nos. 1975-117,
2061-097, 2777-122,
and 2778-073

**ORDER AMENDING FILING SCHEDULE FOR
RECREATION PLAN ADEQUACY REVIEWS**

(Issued July 23, 2015)

1. On July 9, 2015, Idaho Power Company (licensee) requested to change the filing deadlines for the recreation plan adequacy reviews required for the Bliss (FERC No. 1975), Lower Salmon Falls (FERC No. 2061), Upper Salmon Falls (FERC No. 2777), and Shoshone Falls (FERC No. 2778) projects. These projects, collectively referred to as the “Mid-Snake Projects,” are located on the Snake River in Elmore, Gooding, Jerome, and Twin Falls counties, Idaho.
2. The orders approving the recreation management plans (RMP) for each of the Mid-Snake Projects require the licensee to file, “the results of its periodic recreation plan adequacy reviews with the Commission, every six years in conjunction with its FERC Form 80 submissions, beginning on April 1, 2015.”¹ This requirement modified the RMPs filed by the licensee on August 2, 2005, which proposed a filing deadline for such reviews of July 31 of each year the Form 80 is filed.²
3. On July 9, 2015, the licensee requested to change the filing deadline for the recreation plan adequacy reviews for the Mid-Snake Projects to July 31 of each year the

¹ Order Modifying and Approving Recreation Management Plan Pursuant to Article 414 (114 FERC ¶ 62,261), issued March 16, 2006; Order Modifying and Approving Recreation Plans (114 FERC ¶ 62,285), issued March 22, 2006.

² The RMPs refer to these reviews as “consultation results” and “consultation documentation.” These terms are associated with a requirement in each project’s license that the RMP include a provision for consultation to determine if a formal needs assessment is necessary for reviewing the adequacy of the RMP.

Form 80 is filed, as originally proposed in the RMPs.³ The licensee contends that extra time is needed to consult with entities after submittal of each project's Form 80 to determine if changes to the RMPs are necessary.

4. Changing the filing deadline for recreation plan adequacy reviews to July 31 of the year the Form 80 is filed would not affect the licensee's submittal of the Form 80. It would ensure ample time for consultation and consideration of needed changes to recreation facilities, documentation of which must be included in recreation plan adequacy reviews. Further, the requested deadline aligns with the process originally proposed in each RMP to determine if formal needs assessments are necessary. Therefore, the licensee's request to change the filing date for the recreation plan adequacy reviews for the Mid-Snake Projects to July 31 of the year the Form 80 is filed is reasonable and should be approved.

The Director orders:

(A) Idaho Power Company's request, filed July 9, 2015, to file the results of its recreation plan adequacy reviews by July 31 of the year the Form 80 is due, for the Bliss (FERC No. 1975), Lower Salmon Falls (FERC No. 2061), Upper Salmon Falls (FERC No. 2777), and Shoshone Falls (FERC No. 2778) projects, is approved.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Any party may file a request for rehearing of this order within 30 days from the date of its issuance, as provided in section 313(a) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. § 8251 (2012), and the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2014). The filing of a request for rehearing does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order, or of any other date specified in this order. The licensee's failure to file a request for rehearing shall constitute acceptance of this order.

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³ The licensee's filing refers to the reviews as "recreation monitoring reports."