

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Idaho Power Company

Project No. 1971-079  
Idaho/Oregon

NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS

(August 23, 2006)

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 Fed. Reg. 47897), the Office of Energy Projects reviewed the application for license for the Hells Canyon Project (FERC No. 1971), located on the Snake River in Washington and Adams, Counties, Idaho, and Wallowa and Baker Counties, Oregon, and issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (draft EIS) for the project on July 28, 2006.

Copies of the draft EIS are available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426 or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the e-Library link by entering the docket number, P-1971, in the e-Library docket number field. For assistance, e-mail FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You are invited to attend any or all of the public meetings that will be held to receive comments on the draft EIS.

Additional Scoping Meeting

In addition to previously scheduled public meetings in Boise (September 7 and 8, 2006) and Weiser (September 12, 2006), Idaho, and Halfway, Oregon (September 11, 2006), FERC staff will conduct an additional public meeting in Lewiston, Idaho. The time and location of the additional meeting is as follows:

**Lewiston, ID**

DATE: September 13, 2006

TIME: 7:00 to 9:00 pm (PST)

PLACE: Lewiston Community Center

ADDRESS: 1424 Main Street

Lewiston, ID 83501 (A parking lot is available on G Street behind the Community Center.)

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At these meetings, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the draft EIS. The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (verbal and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. These meetings are posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Whether, or not you attend one of these meetings, you are invited to submit written comments on the draft EIS. Comments should be filed with Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. All comments must be filed by **October 3, 2006**, and should reference Project No. 1971-079. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and instructions on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Library" link.

The Commission staff will consider comments made on the draft EIS in preparing a final EIS for the project. Before the Commission makes a licensing decision, it will take into account all concerns relevant to the public interest. The final EIS will be part of the record from which the Commission will make its decision.

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