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Ms. Catherine Foster  
Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office  
1387 South Vinnell Way  
Boise, Idaho 83709-1657

Subject: Right-of-Way Application for the Hemingway to the Northwest 500kV Transmission Line Project

Dear Ms. Foster:

Idaho Power Company is requesting a right-of-way grant to construct, operate, and maintain a new 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The proposed line would originate from the Hemingway Substation (a new substation located southwest of Boise) and would terminate at a new transmission station near the Boardman Power Plant in northeastern Oregon. The proposed project is anticipated to take between two to three years to construct, with a desired in-service date of June 1, 2012. Attached for your review is our SF299 right-of-way application, Preliminary Plan of Development, draft Memorandum of Understanding, and draft Cost Recovery Agreement.

Idaho Power is requesting that the BLM assign a National Project Manager to this project; if one is not available, we are requesting that the Idaho State Office serve as the lead federal agency for the project and that a project manager be assigned to the project as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the application materials, please contact Stacey Baczkowski at 208-388-5093 or sbaczkowski@idahopower.com.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Grow  
Vice President, Engineering and Operations

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - 4/18/07  
APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION AND  
UTILITY SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES  
ON FEDERAL LANDS

FORM APPROVED  
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NOTE: Before completing and filing the application, the applicant should completely review this package and schedule a preapplication meeting with representatives of the agency responsible for processing the application. Each agency may have specific and unique requirements to be met in preparing and processing the application. Many times, with the help of the agency representative, the application can be completed at the preapplication meeting.

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY	
Application Number	
Date Filed	
3. Telephone (area code)	208-388-2243
Applicant	Idaho Power Company
Authorized Agent	N/A

1. Name and address of applicant (include zip code)

Idaho Power Comapny  
1221 West Idaho Street  
Boise, Idaho 83702  
Lisa A. Grow

Name, title, and address of authorized agent if different from item 1 (include zip code)

4. As applicant are you? (check one)

- a.  Individual
- b.  Corporation\*
- c.  Partnership/Association\*
- d.  State Government/State Agency
- e.  Local Government
- f.  Federal Agency

5. Specify what application is for: (check one)

- a.  New authorization
- b.  Renewing existing authorization No.
- c.  Amend existing authorization No.
- d.  Assign existing authorization No.
- e.  Existing use for which no authorization has been received \*
- f.  Other\*

\* If checked, complete supplemental page

\* If checked, provide details under item 7

6. If an individual, or partnership are you a citizen(s) of the United States?  Yes  No

7. Project description (describe in detail): (a) Type of system or facility, (e.g., canal, pipeline, road); (b) related structures and facilities; (c) physical specifications (Length, width, grading, etc.); (d) term of years needed; (e) time of year of use or operation; (f) Volume or amount of product to be transported; (g) duration and timing of construction; and (h) temporary work areas needed for construction (Attach additional sheets, if additional space is needed.)

Idaho Power Company proposes to permit, construct, and operate a 500kV power line from southern Idaho to northeastern Oregon. The northeastern terminus. Several electric utilities, including Idaho Power, have proposed development of a transmission station near Boardman Oregon which will serve as the Northwest terminal of the project. The Idaho terminal will be the proposed Hemingway Station located in the vicinity of Melba and Murphy on the south side of the Snake River. An additional substation will be located northwest of Caldwell to improve performance of the long-distance transmission line.

Requested right-of-way width will be dependent upon span lengths, conductors and tensions, topography, and existing vegetation. A lease-term of 50 years is requested to construct, operate, and maintain the transmission line and structures. Once constructed, the project would be in operation year round. The proposed project will take approximately two to three years to construct, with a desired in-service date of June 2012. Specific routes, acreages of access roads, and temporary work areas will be determined through the NEPA environmental studies.

8. Attach a map covering area and show location of project proposal - ATTACHED

9. State or Local government approval:  Attached  Applied for  Not Required

Idaho Power will apply for State and local government approvals concurrently with the BLM NEPA process.

10. Nonreturnable application fee:  Attached  Not required COST RECOVERY PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED

11. Does project cross international boundary or affect international waterways?  Yes  No (if "yes," indicate on map)

12. Give statement of your technical and financial capability to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate system for which authorization is being requested.

Idaho Power has successfully constructed, operated, and maintained similar electrical facilities in Idaho and Oregon for more than 90 years.

13a. Describe other reasonable alternative routes and modes considered.

A range of alternative line routes will be evaluated through the NEPA process.

b. Why were these alternatives not selected?

Environmental and engineering studies will be completed as part of the NEPA process to determine which of the alternative(s) will fulfill the project's purpose and need.

All of the alternative line routes cross BLM and US Forest Service lands in Idaho and Oregon. Given the distribution of federal lands within the project area, it is not possible to construct the line without crossing federal lands.

14. List authorizations and pending applications filed for similar projects which may provide information to the authorizing agency. (Specify number, date, code, or name)

Idaho Power and PacifiCorp have applied to jointly construct, own, and operate 500kV transmission lines from Wyoming to southern Idaho; this project is known as Gateway West. The proposed project to the northwest is not dependent upon the Gateway West project other than they will both use the proposed Hemingway substation.

15. Provide statement of need for project, including the economic feasibility and items such as: (a) cost of proposal (construction, operation, and maintenance); (b) estimated cost of next best alternative; and (c) expected public benefits.

The project purpose and need, along with economic feasibility, construction costs, and expected public benefits will be identified through the NEPA process.

In general, the project will provide the additional generation import identified in Idaho Power's 2006 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Additional power is needed to meet summer loading conditions in the Treasure Valley.

16. Describe probable effects on the population in the area, including the social and economic aspects, and the rural lifestyles.

Impacts to communities, including the social and economic aspects and rural lifestyles, will be determined and evaluated in the NEPA process.

17. Describe likely environmental effects that the proposed project will have on: (a) air quality; (b) visual impact; (c) surface and ground water quality and quantity; (d) the control or structural change on any stream or other body of water; (e) existing noise levels; and (f) the surface of the land, including vegetation, permafrost, soil, and soil stability.

The proposed project will have varying levels of short-term and long-term impacts on air quality, visual resources, surface water quality, noise levels, and surface of the land including vegetation and soil resources in the study area. There are no impacts anticipated to groundwater quality or quantity or permafrost. Impacts will be determined and evaluated through the NEPA process.

18. Describe the probable effects that the proposed project will have on (a) populations of fish, plantlife, wildlife, and marine life, including threatened and endangered species; and (b) marine mammals, including hunting, capturing, collecting, or killing these animals.

The proposed project will have varying levels of short-term and long-term impacts on plant life and wildlife, including threatened and endangered species in the study area. Impacts will be determined and evaluated in through the NEPA process.

19. State whether any hazardous material, as defined in this paragraph, will be used, produced, transported or stored on or within the right-of-way or any of the right-of-way facilities, or used in the construction, operation, maintenance or termination of the right-of-way or any of its facilities. "Hazardous material" means any substance, pollutant or contaminant that is listed as hazardous under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., and its regulations. The definition of hazardous substances under CERCLA includes any "hazardous waste" as defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq., and its regulations. The term hazardous materials also includes any nuclear or byproduct material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq. The term does not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof that is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under CERCLA Section 101(14), 42 U.S.C. 9601(14), nor does the term include natural gas.

No hazardous materials will be used, produced, transported or stored on or within the right-of-way or any of the right-of-way facilities, other than conventional oil and gas products used during typical construction, operation, and maintenance activities of an electric transmission line

20. Name all the Department(s)/Agency(ies) where this application is being filed.

Bureau of Land Management - Idaho State Office

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I am of legal age and authorized to do business in the State and that I have personally examined the information contained in the application and believe that the information submitted is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

*Yisa A. Grow*

12.19.07

Title 18, U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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GENERAL INFORMATION  
ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS

This application will be used when applying for a right-of-way, permit, license, lease, or certificate for the use of Federal lands which lie within conservation system units and National Recreation or Conservation Areas as defined in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. Conservation system units include the National Park System, National Wildlife Refuge System, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, National Trails System, National Wilderness Preservation System, and National Forest Monuments.

Transportation and utility systems and facility uses for which the application may be used are:

1. Canals, ditches, flumes, laterals, pipes, pipelines, tunnels, and other systems for the transportation of water.
2. Pipelines and other systems for the transportation of liquids other than water, including oil, natural gas, synthetic liquid and gaseous fuels, and any refined product produced therefrom.
3. Pipelines, slurry and emulsion systems, and conveyor belts for transportation of solid materials.
4. Systems for the transmission and distribution of electric energy.
5. Systems for transmission or reception of radio, television, telephone, telegraph, and other electronic signals, and other means of communications.
6. Improved right-of-way for snow machines, air cushion vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles.
7. Roads, highways, railroads, tunnels, tramways, airports, landing strips, docks, and other systems of general transportation.

This application must be filed simultaneously with each Federal department or agency requiring authorization to establish and operate your proposal.

In Alaska, the following agencies will help the applicant file an application and identify the other agencies the applicant should contact and possibly file with:

Department of Agriculture  
Regional Forester, Forest Service (USFS)  
Federal Office Building,  
P.O. Box 21628  
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628  
Telephone: (907) 586-7847 (or a local Forest Service Office)

Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)  
Juneau Area Office  
Federal Building Annex  
9109 Mendenhall Mall Road, Suite 5  
Juneau, Alaska 99802  
Telephone: (907) 586-7177

Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
222 West 7th Avenue  
P.O. Box 13  
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599  
Telephone: (907) 271-5477 (or a local BLM Office)

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) Office of the Regional Director 1011 East Tudor Road Anchorage, Alaska 99503 Telephone: (907) 786-3440	National Park Service (NPA) Alaska Regional Office, 2225 Gambell St., Rm. 107 Anchorage, Alaska 99502-2892 Telephone: (907) 786-3440
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Note - Filings with any Interior agency may be filed with any office noted above or with the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, Regional Environmental Office, P.O. Box 120, 1675 C Street, Anchorage, Alaska 9513.

Department of Transportation  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Alaska Region AAL-4, 222 West 7th Ave., Box 14  
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7587  
Telephone: (907) 271-5285

NOTE - The Department of Transportation has established the above central filing point for agencies within that Department. Affected agencies are: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Coast Guard (USCG), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

OTHER THAN ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS

Use of this form is not limited to National Interest Conservation Lands of Alaska.

Individual department/agencies may authorize the use of this form by applicants for transportation and utility systems and facilities on other Federal lands outside those areas described above.

For proposals located outside of Alaska, applications will be filed at the local agency office or at a location specified by the responsible Federal agency.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(Items not listed are self-explanatory)

- 7 Attach preliminary site and facility construction plans. The responsible agency will provide instructions whenever specific plans are required.
- 8 Generally, the map must show the section(s), township(s), and range(s) within which the project is to be located. Show the proposed location of the project on the map as accurately as possible. Some agencies require detailed survey maps. The responsible agency will provide additional instructions.
- 9, 10, and 12 The responsible agency will provide additional instructions.
- 13 Providing information on alternate routes and modes in as much detail as possible, discussing why certain routes or modes were rejected and why it is necessary to cross Federal lands will assist the agency(ies) in processing your application and reaching a final decision. Include only reasonable alternate routes and modes as related to current technology and economics.
- 14 The responsible agency will provide instructions.
- 15 Generally, a simple statement of the purpose of the proposal will be sufficient. However, major proposals located in critical or sensitive areas may require a full analysis with additional specific information. The responsible agency will provide additional instructions.
- 16 through 19 Providing this information in as much detail as possible will assist the Federal agency(ies) in processing the application and reaching a decision. When completing these items, you should use a sound judgment in furnishing relevant information. For example, if the project is not near a stream or other body of water, do not address this subject. The responsible agency will provide additional instructions.

Application must be signed by the applicant or applicant's authorized representative.

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If all the information is not provided, the application may be rejected.

DATA COLLECTION STATEMENT

The Federal agencies collect this information from applicants requesting right-of-way, permit, license, lease, or certification for the use of Federal lands. The Federal agencies use this information to evaluate the applicant's proposal. The public is obligated to submit this form if they wish to obtain permission to use Federal lands.

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NOTE: The responsible agency(ies) will provide instructions

	CHECK APPROPRIATE BLOCK	
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<b>I - PRIVATE CORPORATIONS</b>		
Articles of Incorporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Corporation Bylaws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A certification from the State showing the corporation is in good standing and is entitled to operate within the State	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Copy of resolution authorizing filing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The name and address of each shareholder owning 3 percent or more of the shares, together with the number and percentage of any class of voting shares of the entity which such shareholder is authorized to vote and the name and address of each affiliate of the entity together with, in the case of an affiliate controlled by the entity, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of that affiliate owned, directly or indirectly, by that entity, and in the case of an affiliate which controls that entity, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of that entity owned, directly or indirectly, by the affiliate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If application is for an oil or gas pipeline, describe any related right-of-way or temporary use permit applications, and identify previous applications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If application is for an oil and gas pipeline, identify all Federal lands by agency impacted by proposal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>II - PUBLIC CORPORATIONS</b>		
Copy of law forming corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copy of Bylaws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copy of resolution authorizing filing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If application is for an oil or gas pipeline, provide information required by item "I-f" and "I-g" above.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>III - PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER UNINCORPORATED ENTITY</b>		
Articles of association, if any	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If one partner is authorized to sign, resolution authorizing action is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name and address of each participant, partner, association, or other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If application is for an oil or gas pipeline, provide information required by item "I-f" and "I-g" above.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the required information is already filed with the agency processing this application and is current, check block entitled "Filed." Provide the file identification information (e.g., number, date, code, name). If not on file or current, attach the requested information.

**NOTICE**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0082.

This information is needed by the Forest Service to evaluate the requests to use National Forest System lands and manage those lands to protect natural resources, administer the use, and ensure public health and safety. This information is required to obtain or retain a benefit. The authority for that requirement is provided by the Organic Act of 1897 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, which authorize the secretary of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations for authorizing and managing National Forest System lands. These statutes, along with the Term Permit Act, National Forest Ski Area Permit Act, Granger-Thye Act, Mineral Leasing Act, Alaska Term Permit Act, Act of September 3, 1954, Wilderness Act, National Forest Roads and Trails Act, Act of November 16, 1973, Archeological Resources Protection Act, and Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue authorizations or the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands. The Secretary of Agriculture's regulations at 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, establish procedures for issuing those authorizations.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) govern the confidentiality to be provided for information received by the Forest Service.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

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