

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Idaho Power Company

Docket No. EL03-189-000
(Consolidated with Docket Nos.
EL03-180-000, et al.)

ORDER OF CHIEF JUDGE SEVERING PARTY AND
HOLDING PROCEEDINGS IN ABEYANCE

(Issued October 27, 2003)

1. On October 21, 2003, counsel for Idaho Power Company (Idaho) requested that the Chief Judge sever Docket No. EL03-189-000 from the consolidated proceedings under Docket Nos. EL03-180-000, *et al.*, and suspend further procedures, except for the filing of answers to a motion to dismiss. As grounds for the request, Idaho asserts that on October 16, 2003, counsel for the Commission Trial Staff filed a motion to dismiss this show cause proceeding as it relates to Idaho. The motion states that counsel for the California Parties (the Attorney General, the Electricity Oversight Board, Southern California Edison Company, Pacific Gas & Electric Company and the California Public Utilities Commission) and the Commission Staff do not oppose the instant request.
2. The Chief Judge finds good cause to sever Idaho from the consolidated show cause proceedings in EL03-180-000, *et al.*, and to suspend further procedures pending action by the Commission on the motion to dismiss. Severance will relieve Idaho from undertaking formal litigation procedures in the consolidated proceedings and will result in savings of time and resources. Accordingly, for good cause shown, Docket No. EL03-189-000 is hereby severed from the consolidated proceeding in Docket No. EL03-180-000, *et al.*, and the procedural schedule as it applies to Idaho is hereby suspended pending Commission action on the motion to dismiss.

Curtis L. Wagner, Jr.
Chief Administrative Law Judge