Public Meeting Summary

Meeting name: Burley Area Dairies Meeting
Location: Burley, ID
Date: April 22, 2009
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Purpose and introduction: Senator Denton Darrington and Representative Fred Wood requested this meeting, following a meeting with Brent Stoker, Kent Searle and Von Gibby, to share constituents' concerns with Idaho Power. Idaho Power staff provided information and updates on the Gateway West Transmission Line project and were available for questions.

Notification and attendance: Approximately nine people attended including Sen. Darrington, Rep. Wood, Brent Stoker (Golden View Inc.), Kent Searle (Kent R. Searle Family Trust), and Von Gibby (V&R Farms, LLC).

Format: The meeting was a round-table discussion. Dan Minor, Jeff Malmen, Lisa Grow and Doug Dockter from Idaho Power and a representative from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) were available throughout the meeting. Idaho Power opened the discussion by reviewing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, noting past, present and future activities.

Key questions and themes:

- There seems to be a lack of communication between the Companies, particularly with respect to responding to comments. *The BLM will formally address comments in the draft environmental impact statement (EIS), per National Environmental Policy Act requirements.*

- Have public comments to the Companies related to affects on existing and future pivot irrigation, current and future dairies and agricultural practices, and future land use been considered, as responses seem to be limited? *IPC is reviewing all comments and working to address landowner concerns. We will continue to work with local landowners to address questions and concerns.*

- What are the reliability criteria used for the project? *IPC will identify and share the reliability criteria used to define line separation. IPC also plans to meet with communities prior to the release of the draft EIS to help educate the public on the process as well as work with them to identify possible alternate routes if the proposed routes are not acceptable.*