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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A TIER I OPERATING PERMIT

PROPOSED ACTION: In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.364, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces a public comment period and opportunity for a public hearing for the Bennett Mountain Power Project located at 2750 NE Industrial Way, Mountain Home, under Docket No. AQ-1203. DEQ proposes to issue Tier I operating permit No. T1-2011.0129.

PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITY: An opportunity for a public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments may be provided if written requests are submitted to the undersigned on or before February 24, 2012. Hearing requests should include a brief statement explaining why a public hearing on the air quality aspects of the project would be beneficial.

The selected meeting site will be accessible to the physically disabled.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: The application materials, the proposed permit and Statement of Basis are available for public review on DEQ's website at http://www.deq.idaho.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS–ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed action. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Tessa Stevens, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, tessa.stevens@deq.idaho.gov, or (208) 373-0440. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or requesting information. All information regarding this matter, current and future, including the issuance of the final permit and Statement of Basis will be available on DEQ's website. You may sign up at www.deq.idaho.gov to receive e-mail updates on any further action on this permit.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Carole Zundel at (208) 373-0502 or carole.zundel@deq.idaho.gov.

All written comments concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5:00, p.m., MST/MDT, March 9, 2012.

DATED this 8th day of February, 2012.

Tessa Stevens
Air Quality Division