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BOISE. . . "THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IDAHO POWER COMPANY HAVE NEGOTIATED A FRAMEWORK WHICH CAN BE USED AS A BASIS FOR THE STATE TO AGAIN BEGIN MANAGING THE SNAKE RIVER FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL IDAHOANS," ATTORNEY GENERAL JIM JONES SAID TODAY. "THE FRAMEWORK LAYS THE BASIS FOR ALLOCATING OUR PRECIOUS SNAKE RIVER WATER IN A BALANCED, MULTIPLE-USE MANNER. I BELIEVE THE FRAMEWORK STRIKES A PROPER BALANCE WHICH WILL ALLOW FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT BY INSURING ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF WATER FOR CONSUMPTIVE USES, WHILE PROTECTING OUR LOW-COST POWER SUPPLIES. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE FRAMEWORK PLACES THE STATE BACK IN THE POSITION OF MAKING VITALLY IMPORTANT WATER ALLOCATION DECISIONS."

JONES, GOVERNOR JOHN EVANS, AND IDAHO POWER COMPANY CHIEF EXECUTIVE JAMES BRUCE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THEY HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON A NEGOTIATED PACKAGE OF MEASURES TO SOLVE THE

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SNAKE RIVER WATER RIGHTS CONTROVERSY. THE PACKAGE CALLS FOR SETTING AN INCREASED MINIMUM STREAMFLOW ON THE SNAKE RIVER WHILE FREEING ADDITIONAL WATER FOR UPSTREAM GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. THE FRAMEWORK CALLS FOR NEW WATER ALLOCATION CRITERIA, AS WELL AS COURT ADJUDICATION OF THE SNAKE RIVER.

"UNDER THE NEGOTIATED FRAMEWORK IDAHO POWER WOULD RELINQUISH A LARGE PORTION OF ITS ASSERTED SWAN FALLS WATER RIGHT SO THAT SOUTHERN IDAHO RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE ASSURANCE OF FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. AT THE PRESENT TIME IDAHO POWER COMPANY HAS A COURT-SANCTIONED CLAIM TO 8400 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND OF WATER AT ITS SWAN FALLS DAM. THIS HAS EFFECTIVELY STYMIED STATE MANAGEMENT OF THE SNAKE RIVER AND SNAKE RIVER PLAINS AQUIFER, WHILE BRINGING UPSTREAM GROWTH TO A VIRTUAL STANDSTILL. UNDER THE FRAMEWORK, THE COMPANY'S WATER RIGHT WOULD BE REDUCED TO 3900 CFS DURING THE IRRIGATION SEASON FROM APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER. DURING THE REMAINING FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR IDAHO POWER WOULD BE ENTITLED TO A FLOW OF 5600 CFS, WHICH WILL RESULT FROM INFLOWS BETWEEN MILNER AND MURPHY. THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO A ZERO FLOW AT MILNER, WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR THE FILLING OF PRESENT UPSTREAM STORAGE FACILITIES, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL NEW WATER STORAGE PROJECTS."

"SINCE THE HISTORIC SUMMER LOW FLOW IN THE SNAKE RIVER HAS BEEN APPROXIMATELY 4500 CFS, THE NEGOTIATED FRAMEWORK WILL FREE UP A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL WATER FOR UPSTREAM GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT DURING THE IRRIGATION SEASON. THE LEVELS AGREED ON FOR THE MINIMUM FLOWS DURING THE SUMMER AND WINTER

WILL SAFEGUARD AND PROTECT IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S RATE BASE SO THAT IDAHO CITIZENS CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF LOW-COST HYDROELECTRIC POWER."

"NEW WATER WILL BE ALLOCATED UNDER CRITERIA WHICH INSURE THAT SOUND, FAMILY-FARM TYPE PROJECTS CAN GO FORWARD. THE FRAMEWORK FREES UP WATER FOR GROWTH OF UPSTREAM COMMUNITIES BOTH BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY DOMESTIC WATER AND BY MAKING WATER AVAILABLE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES WHICH WILL PROVIDE ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOBS AND INCREASED TAX BASE."

"ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES IS THAT WATER ALLOCATION DECISIONS WILL BE PLACED BACK IN THE HANDS OF THE STATE. THAT IS WHERE THESE IMPORTANT DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE SINCE STATE OFFICIALS ARE MORE RESPONSIVE TO PUBLIC DEMAND THAN ANY PRIVATE COMPANY WOULD BE."

"THE SWAN FALLS DECISION IN 1982 PLACED SOUTHERN IDAHO'S GROWTH IN A STATE OF LIMBO AND I AM HOPING THAT THIS NEGOTIATED FRAMEWORK CAN RESOLVE THAT DEADLOCK. THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF MECHANICAL MATTERS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN ORDER TO PLACE THE FRAMEWORK INTO EFFECT AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND INTERESTED PARTIES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR INPUT INTO THAT PROCESS. IF THE PROCESS CAN BE COMPLETED, WE CAN GET BACK ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF MANAGING THE SNAKE RIVER AND SOUTHERN IDAHO'S FUTURE WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF MORE YEARS OF STRUGGLING THROUGH THE COURTS."

"NOT EVERYTHING IN THE NEGOTIATED PACKAGE IS TO MY LIKING BUT THERE WERE MANY AREAS OF GIVE AND TAKE DURING THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS. SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

WERE BRINGING ABOUT AN EARLY SETTLEMENT TO THE CONTROVERSY WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL CONSUMPTIVE USES UPSTREAM, WHICH WOULD PUT THE STATE BACK INTO THE WATER ALLOCATION BUSINESS, AND WHICH WOULD PROTECT THE HYDROPOWER RATE BASE. ADDITIONALLY, EACH PARTY HAD TO ASSESS THE RISKS WHICH MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN FUTURE LITIGATION AND I BELIEVE THAT FROM THAT STANDPOINT THE FRAMEWORK IS A REASONABLE MANNER OF RESOLVING THE CONTROVERSY."

JONES NOTED THAT MUCH ADDITIONAL WORK REMAINED TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO PLACE THE "FRAMEWORK" INTO OPERATION. "IT WILL NECESSITATE ACTIONS BY THE LEGISLATURE, THE STATE WATER RESOURCES BOARD, APPROVAL BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATION ON SPECIFIC SETTLEMENT LANGUAGE. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CONTINGENCIES WHICH COULD YET NEGATE THE ENTIRE PROCESS SO WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO VIEW THE NEGOTIATED FRAMEWORK WITH CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM."

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