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Between the United States and the Idaho Power Company,
Relative to Power Rights at American Falls, Idaho.

Dated June 15, 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES RECLAMATION SERVICE
MINIDOKA IRRIGATION PROJECT.

Contract between the United States and Idaho Power Company relative to
power rights at American Falls, Idaho.

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1. THIS AGREEMENT, Made this 15th day of June, 1923 in
2. pursuance of the Act of Congress of June 17, 1902, (32 Stat.,
3. 386) and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto,
4. between THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter styled the
5. United States, acting for this purpose by Hubert Work
6. Secretary of the Interior, and the IDAHO POWER COMPANY, a
7. corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maine
8. and authorized to do business in the State of Idaho, and
9. having its principal place of business at Boise, Idaho.
10. hereinafter styled the company, its successors and
11. assigns.

2. Purpose and Plans of United States.

12. WHEREAS, the United States contemplates the con-
13. struction of a large reservoir at American Falls, Idaho, to
14. store the flood water and winter flow of Snake River and
15. make the same available for the reclamation of large areas
16. of public lands of the United States including the North
17. Side Pumping Division of the Minidoka Project and other por-
18. tions of the Snake River Valley, and to supplement the water
19. supply of various projects in the Snake River Valley now
20. having an inadequate or insufficient water supply during
21. part of the irrigation season. And

3. Company Public Service Corporation.

22. WHEREAS, the company is a public service corpor-
23. ation furnishing electricity throughout the Southern por-
24. tion of the State of Idaho for light, heat, and power and
25. irrigation purposes. And

4. Interference with Rights of Company.

26. WHEREAS, said electricity is, to a large extent, gen-
27. erated by the company in hydro-electric plants owned by it
28. and located on the Snake River at American Falls and various
29. points below and the water which it uses and claims for use
30. at American Falls is or would be also used, to a large extent,
31. in its plants located and to be located at points below on
32. the stream, so that the storing by the United States of win-
33. ter flow at American Falls will interfere with certain power
34. and other rights of company at American Falls and points be-
35. low and

5. Use of Property Owned by Company.

36. WHEREAS, a portion of said proposed American Falls dam
37. and reservoir will be located on land owned by the company
38. and the construction and operation of the same will also make
39. necessary the destruction of or interfere with certain gener-
40. ating stations and other property of the company; and

6. Company's Prior Filings at American Falls.

41. WHEREAS the company has at American Falls water filings
42. prior to the American Falls filings of the United States
43. sufficient to embrace the entire amount of water reserved

44. to the company under this contract.

7. Need of United States for Power.

45. AND WHEREAS, the said proposed North Side Pumping
46. Division of the Minidoka Project of the United States is a
47. pumping project and the United States will require in con-
48. nection with the said project a large power plant for the
49. development of a large amount of electric power for pump-
50. ing water upon the lands of the said project.

8. Mutual Covenants.

51. NOW, THEREFORE, WITNESSETH: That for and in con-
52. sideration of the covenants and agreements of the par-
53. ties herein, upon the conditions herein named, the par-
54. ties covenant and agree;

9. Property to be Conveyed to United States.

55. The Company hereby agrees, upon the terms and condi-
56. tions hereinafter stipulated, to sell and by good and
57. sufficient deed convey to the United States of America,
58. free of tax liens and of liens or incumbrances created,
59. granted or imposed by itself or its public utility pred-
60. ecessors, all its right, title and interest in and to the
61. following described real estate, situated in the counties
62. of Power and Bingham, State of Idaho, to-wit: (a) The prop-
63. erty described in the list of land descriptions hereto
64. attached as Exhibit "A" and made a part of this contract:
65. and any other real property owned by the company, if any
66. such there be, under the proposed dam or reservoir to be

247. (d) All the company's water rights, appropriations
248. water filings and permits, at American Falls, or used or
249. intended to be used in connection with the company's power
250. plants and proposed plants at American Falls, except the
251. rights, whether primary or tertiary, expressly reserved
252. to the company, as hereinafter set out. The water rights
253. of the company transferred to the United States for use
254. for power purposes shall be considered as impressed with
255. a right in the United States to change the use of such
256. water from power to irrigation or to store the same for
257. irrigation whenever the Secretary of Interior shall decide
258. that such water is required for irrigation purposes. But
259. it is expressly agreed and understood that the water rights
260. and rights to the use of water which it is herein agreed
261. that the Company shall have are reserved out of its exist-
262. ing appropriations and rights as independent rights under
263. its own filings and appropriations and of the dates of prior-
264. ity to which the Company is entitled under such appropria-
265. tions and are not to be considered as mere contract rights
266. under contract with the United States.

267. (e) The right to limit all other rights of the company
268. on Snake River at whatever points and in whatever counties
269. the same may be located insofar as and no farther than the
270. rights allowed and granted to the United States to store
271. and use water as herein provided may interfere with any
272. rights of the company at any lower points on Snake River.

498. half-hour peak, whenever the Secretary of the Interior
499. shall decide that such water is required
500. for irrigation purposes. The expression "10,000 kilowatts,
501. half-hour peak", wherever it occurs in this contract shall
502. be interpreted as meaning that the average for any half-
503. hour interval must not exceed 10,000 kilowatts.

20. Company Right to Primary Storage Water.

504. The water required to fill the 45,000 acre-feet of
505. primary storage capacity allowed the company under Para-
506. graph 16 hereof shall be a part of the 300,000 acre-feet
507. of water reserved to the company under Paragraph 19 hereof,
508. and the company shall have no right to require the turning
509. out for the company of more than 300,000 acre-feet in any one
510. year beginning October 1st in addition to the primary rights
511. set forth in Paragraph 10 and the holdover authorized in
512. this paragraph. The company shall have the privilege of
513. holding after October 1st and until November 15th any water
514. which it may have remaining in its own storage capacity of
515. 45,000 acre-feet, but the company's right shall expire on
516. November 15th to any amount so held over beyond that date.

21. Company's Rights below Milner Dam

517. The company's right to demand the turning out of water
518. from the reservoir for release by and use below Milner Dam
519. shall be limited to the 45,000 acre-feet of primary storage
520. rights, the water referred to in the last sentence of Para-
521. graph 10, and to such portion of the 255,000 acre-feet men-

522. tioned in Paragraph 18 as is needed for beneficial use for
523. power development at Shoshone Falls or Twin Falls but not
524. exceeding the amount that may be necessary to make the
525. total flow at the head of Shoshone Falls:

526.	790	second-feet	October 1st to November 30th, incl.
527.	890	" "	December 1st to January 31st, "
528.	790	" "	February 1st to February 12th, "
529.	690	" "	February 13th to April 15th, "
530.	790	" "	April 16th to June 10th, "

531. exclusive of any part of the company's said 45,000 acre-feet
532. of primary storage and the water referred to in the last
533. sentence of Paragraph 10.

534. Provided, however, that the amount of water released
535. past Milner for maintaining the flow at Shoshone Falls be-
536. tween October 1st and June 10th inclusive, as listed above,
537. shall be a part of the 255,000 acre-feet of primary storage
538. water which the Company may have stored in its secondary
539. storage capacity in the reservoir, and provided that it re-
540. leases such water from the American Falls Reservoir in such
541. a way that the required flow can be maintained at Shoshone
542. Falls by the utilization of storage capacity in Lake Walcott not
543. to exceed 3,000 acre-feet of storage capacity.

544. Nothing in this paragraph is to be construed as abridg-
545. ing the Company's right to release from the Reservoir and
546. have passed by Milner at any time any part of its 45,000
547. acre-feet of primary stored water stored in its primary
548. storage capacity, or held over as provided for in Paragraph
549. 20.