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Mr Wayne Skeem
1742 Targee
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Re: Bypassing of Protective Equipment

Dear Mr Skeem:

This letter is to give you notice that Idaho Power Company will, under no condition, allow you to bypass that equipment and relays which have been installed to protect Idaho Power's system, personnel and the public.

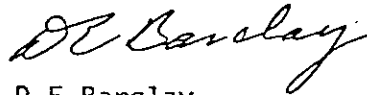
In 1982, shortly after your project came on line, it came to our attention that you had rewired the interconnection between your project and Idaho Power's system so as to bypass and circumvent the operation of the protective relays. At that time, we advised you of the extreme seriousness of your actions. It has now come to our attention that you have again altered the circuits so as to bypass the protective relay equipment. The actions you have taken to circumvent the operation of the protective relays are a clear violation of the terms of the contract between yourself and Idaho Power Company, and because they represent a danger to Idaho Power, its employees and the public at large, they will not be tolerated.

It is our understanding that a major source of the problem with trips of your facility is the fact that you have utilized industrial-grade relay equipment, instead of utility-grade. It is our further understanding, that you are now in the process of replacing the lower-quality relays and it is anticipated that this should resolve much of your problem.

Nevertheless, this letter is to restate our previous warnings, and to again formally put you on notice that should Idaho Power, at any time in the future, determine that any attempt has been made to circumvent, bypass or otherwise neutralize the operation of the protective relay equipment, Idaho Power will immediately sever the interconnection between our system and your generating project and all purchases of electricity will cease until arrangements acceptable to Idaho Power Company have been made.

If you have any questions about this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



D E Barclay
Vice President
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