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## **RCCI, A SUBSIDIARY OF GE, SEEKS SOLUTION FOR TRANSPORT OF WATER PURIFICATION EQUIPMENT**

**Boise, Idaho, Sept. 13, 2013** – RCCI, a subsidiary of GE, is disappointed that the federal District Court of Idaho has granted a preliminary injunction to prevent large loads on U.S. Highway 12. The Court ordered the U.S. Forest Service to close Highway 12 until the Forest Service has conducted its corridor review and consulted with the Nez Perce Tribe, which sought the injunction.

The decision delays delivery of water purification vessels to the company's customers.

"While we now must review our options, we have addressed the safety, environmental and aesthetic considerations in choosing this route for shipment, and we have met the legal requirements for transport by obtaining permits for previous shipments from the Idaho Transportation Department," said William Heins, chief operating officer of RCCI, an affiliate of GE.

RCCI, along with transport contractor Omega Morgan, conducted an extensive survey to determine the best available route for the transportation of RCCI's water evaporators, which contains no hazardous materials, chemicals, or fuel.

Highway 12 requires no modifications and has been used previously to transport large loads. RCCI and Omega Morgan worked closely with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) to review the proposed route against ITD's stringent requirements for oversize loads. ITD interfaced and consulted with other governmental agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service, when evaluating the permit application, and issues raised during the review process were addressed in the final transportation plan that was permitted by ITD for previous shipments.

There are significant environmental benefits associated with these particular shipments. RCCI's water purification vessels, or water evaporators, are used to treat water in the heavy oil recovery process. Each evaporator can recover and reuse approximately 98% of the water used in the process, or about 1.5 million gallons of water per day, greatly reducing or eliminating the use of fresh water and the discharge of wastewater from these plants. This results in billions of gallons of water savings per year.

The Northwest and the state of Idaho gain economically from these shipments through local employment during the preparation and transport of the equipment, which is why many local officials have expressed their support, including the Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, and Idaho County Commissions and area Chambers of Commerce.

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