

# IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

**May 3, 2018 – 1:30 P.M.**

In attendance were Commissioners Kristine Raper and Eric Anderson, Commissioner Kjellander was excused. Commissioner Anderson called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** on Monday, April 16, 2018. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

The second order of business was **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 2. Edith Pacillo's April 9, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Idaho Power's Application for Determination of 2017 Demand-Side Management Expenses as Prudently Incurred; Case No. IPC-E-18-03.**
- 3. Camille Christen's April 13, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power requesting Approval of \$7.8 Million Net Power Cost Deferral with No Change to Rates; Case No. PAC-E-18-01.**
- 4. Karl Klein's April 13, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Proposed Settlement Regarding Idaho Power Company in the Commission's Investigation into the Impact of Federal Tax Code Revisions on Utility Costs and Ratemaking; Case No. GNR-U-18-01.**
- 5. Brandon Karpen's April 13, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Idaho Power's Annual Power Cost Adjustment; Case No. IPC-E-18-06.**
- 6. Michael Morrison's April 12, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Avista Corporation's Application to Update its Electric Line Extension Schedule 51, Tariff Advice No. 18-04-E.**
- 7. Daniel Klein's April 12, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Albion Telephone Company dba ATC's Application for the Broadband Equipment Tax Credit for 2017; Case No. ALB-T-18-01.**
- 8. Daniel Klein's April 12, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Idaho dba Frontier Communications of Idaho Application for the Broadband Equipment Tax Credit for 2016; Case No. CTC-T-18-01.**
- 9. Daniel Klein's April 12, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Frontier Communications Northwest Inc's Application for the Broadband Equipment Tax Credit for 2016; Case No. VZN-T-18-01.**

**10. Daniel Klein's April 13, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Application of Birch Communications Inc. Requesting a Name Change to Birch Communications, LLC, in Case No. BIR-T-18-01.**

By unanimous consent, the Commission moved item 6 from the Consent Agenda to Matters in Progress. Commissioner Anderson then made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation for item 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next order of business was **MATTERS IN PROGRESS:**

**11. Avista's Motion for Approval of Addendum to the Stipulation and Use of Modified Procedure; Case Nos. AVU-E-15-05 and AVU-G-15-01. [Brandon Karpen, Attorney]**

Mr. Karpen reviewed his Decision Memo, he stated; this is an addendum to the stipulation of the 2015 Avista rate case, the fixed cost adjustment was a three year agreement. The company has requested, and all parties have agreed to extend that trial period for an additional year.

Commissioner Raper moved that the commission process the motion for approval of addendum to the stipulation and set a 21 day comment period through the use of modified procedure after which point we can close the record and deliberate on the case.

Commissioner Anderson asked if there were any further questions. There were no further questions and Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the motion. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

**6. Michael Morrison's April 12, 2018, Decision Memorandum re: Avista Corporation's Application to Update its Electric Line Extension Schedule 51, Tariff Advice No. 18-04-E.**

Commissioner Raper recognized Mike Louis as the supervisor for PUC staffer Mike Morrison.

Commissioner Raper expressed her concern that a Company's determination to classify a document as tariff advice should not dictate how the Commission processes the filing.

Commissioner Raper made a motion to approve the company's proposed schedule 51 Tariff update with an effective date of May 1, 2018.

Commissioner Anderson asked if there were any further questions. There were no further questions and Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the motion. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson stated, there was no further business before the Commission and he adjourned the meeting.

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

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DATE OF APPROVAL