

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: JANUARY 20, 2017

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED SCHEDULE FROM INFORMAL SCHEDULING
CONFERENCE IN IDAHO POWER’S APPLICATION FOR WOOD
RIVER VALLEY CPCN, CASE NO. IPC-E-16-28**

On November 8, 2016, Idaho Power Company filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to make system improvements and to secure adequate and reliable service to customers in the Wood River Valley. The Company wishes to construct a new 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and related facilities “to provide redundant service from the Wood River substation near Hailey into the Ketchum substation,” and asks that the CPCN permit the particular line route and facilities identified in testimony accompanying the Application. Application at 1-2.

The Commission issued a Notice of Application and set a deadline for Petitions to Intervene. Order No. 33657. The Commission granted timely intervention petitions from Kiki Tidwell, Laura Midgeley, the Sierra Club, the Idaho Conservation League, and the City of Ketchum. Order Nos. 33675, 33683. On January 13, 2017, CoxCom, LLC filed a petition requesting late intervention, which is pending.

The parties conferred informally and agreed – or did not object – to a technical hearing before the Commission, with the following proposed schedule, subject to the Commission’s approval:

May 5, 2017	Staff’s and Intervenors’ prefiled direct testimony
June 23, 2017	All parties’ rebuttal filing
July 14, 2017	Company sur-rebuttal filing

Date for Technical Hearing: The parties discussed scheduling the technical hearing for the week of August 7, 2017, and agreed more specifically to August 7-8, 2017. It has since come to Staff's attention that the Commission may prefer to schedule the technical hearing for August 8-9, 2017.

Public Hearing: Staff proposes holding a public hearing for the Company's customers at a date and time to be determined.

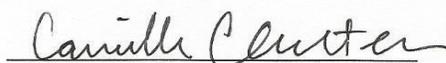
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Notice of Schedule and Notice of Technical Hearing adopting the parties' proposed schedule above for filing of direct, rebuttal and sur-rebuttal testimony, setting August 8-9, 2017, for a technical hearing, and indicating that the notice of a public hearing will be issued later. Staff has confirmed that Blaine County, the City of Sun Valley, and other local government agencies were sent copies of the Notice of Application in this case on November 29, 2016. Thus, Staff believes these agencies have been given notice of their opportunity to appear before or consult with the Commission. *See Idaho Code § 67-6528.* Nonetheless, Staff suggests that the Commission direct the Commission Secretary to send copies of its Notice of Schedule and Notice of Technical Hearing to the potentially affected governmental agencies to provide additional notice of their opportunity to appear before or consult with the Commission regarding this case.

COMMISSION DECISION

1. Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Schedule and Notice of Technical Hearing that adopts the schedule recommended by Staff and notes that a public hearing for customers will be scheduled at a later date? Does the Commission wish to adopt a different schedule?

2. Does the Commission wish to direct the Commission Secretary to send a copy of the Order to the City of Sun Valley, Blaine County, and any other potentially affected governmental agency?



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