

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. IPC-E-08-22
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)
AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS RULE H) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
LINE EXTENSION TARIFF RELATED TO)
NEW SERVICE ATTACHMENTS AND) NOTICE OF
DISTRIBUTION LINE INSTALLATIONS.) INTERVENTION DEADLINE
)
) ORDER NO. 30687

On October 30, 2008, Idaho Power Company filed an Application with the Commission seeking authority to modify its Rule H tariff relating to new service attachments and distribution line installations and alterations. Specifically, the Company wishes to increase the charges for new service attachments, distribution line installations and alterations. The Company explained that the changes to the tariff would shift installation costs from the general body of ratepayers to new customers requesting construction for these services. The Company requests that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure and that the proposed changes be approved no later than March 1, 2009, to become effective 120 days later.

THE APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Idaho Power proposes modifications to its existing Rule H tariff that reorganizes sections, adds or revises definitions, updates charges and allowances, modifies refund provisions, and deletes the Line Installation Agreements section. Section titles were arranged to more closely reflect the manner in which customers are charged and to better match the arrangement of the Company's cost estimation process. Definitions have been added or revised to provide clarity.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power proposes separate sections for "Line Installation Charges" and "Service Attachment Charges." Within the Service Attachment Charges section, Idaho Power separated the overhead and underground service attachments, updated the charges for underground service attachments less than 400 amperages, and outlined the calculation for determining underground service attachment charges greater than 400 amperages. The "Vested Interest Charges" section was reworded and some definitions were removed. The available options and calculations in this section were not changed. Engineering

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charges, temporary service attachment charges, and return trip charges were updated in the "Other" Charges section.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company asserts that the Line Installation and Service Attachment Allowances section was modified and updated to reflect current costs associated with providing and installing "standard terminal facilities" for single-phase and three-phase service attachments and line installations. Idaho Power proposes one credit allowance toward the cost of terminal facilities and line installations and modifies Company-funded credit allowances inside subdivisions. The Company maintains that these significant revisions to the tariff specifically address the Company's and Commission's desire to recover more of the cost for service attachments, distribution line installations, and alterations outside of base rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power proposes Vested Interest Refunds for subdividers and new applicants inside subdivisions for additional line installations that were not part of the initial line installation.¹ The Company also proposes to change the availability of Vested Interest Refunds from a five-year period to a four-year recovery period and discontinue all subdivision lot refunds.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power seeks authority to add a section entitled Relocations in Public Road Rights-of-Way to address funding of roadway relocations required under *Idaho Code* § 62-705. The section would identify when and to what extent the Company would fund roadway relocations. Specifically, this section would outline road improvements for the general public benefit, road improvements for third-party beneficiaries, and road improvements for a joint benefit.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company asserts that it has undertaken a special communications effort to advise builders and developers in its service territory of the changes proposed by this Application. The Company requests that the proposed changes to its Rule H tariff be approved no later than March 1, 2009. Idaho Power requests that the Commission's Order set an effective date 120 days beyond the date of the final Order to allow the Company time to train employees, reprogram computerized accounting systems, and reconstruct internal processes.

¹ Subdividers and new applicants will continue to be eligible for Vested Interest Refunds outside of subdivisions.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application together with supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits, have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies are also available on the Commission's Website at www.puc.idaho.gov under "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

DEADLINE FOR INTERVENTION

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and .073. Persons intending to participate at hearing must file a Petition to Intervene no later than fourteen (14) days from the service date of this Order. Persons seeking intervenor status shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their electronic mail address to facilitate further communications in this matter.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or to other parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the deadline for intervention has passed, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that after the Notice of Parties is issued, the Commission anticipates that the parties will informally convene to devise a recommended schedule to process this case. In addition to the schedule, the parties may discuss discovery logistics, electronic service, and other scheduling matters.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-307, 61-502, 61-503, and 61-622. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examination at hearing shall file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than fourteen (14) days from the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after the Notice of Parties is issued, the Staff shall informally convene with the parties to discuss the processing of this case.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 26th day of November 2008.



MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT



MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



JIM D. KEMPTON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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