

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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FROM: NIKKI KARPAVICH

DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2012

RE: IDAHO POWER TARIFF ADVICE NO. 12-02 MODIFICATIONS TO SCHEDULES 1, 4, 5, AND SCHEDULE INDEX; CASE IPC-E-12-05.

BACKGROUND

On January 19, 2012, Idaho Power proposed numerous modifications to Schedule 1 Residential Service, Schedule 4 Residential Service, Energy Watch Program, Schedule 5 Residential Service, Time-of-Day Program, and the Schedule Index. Specifically, the Company proposed the following revisions:

- Schedule 1 Residential Service:
 - The term “STANDARD PLAN” has been added to the end of the title.
- Schedule 4 Energy Watch Pilot:
 - A suspension of the program for approximately one year; and
 - The term “PLAN” has been added to the end of the title.
- Schedule 5 Time-of-Day Pilot:
 - Time-of-Day Pilot will be expanded to the Boise metro area where AMI meters have been deployed for at least 12 months and capped at 1,200 customers;
 - Schedule 5 Emmett Valley customers will be placed in Schedule 1;
 - Participant requirements for enrolling or discontinuing the pricing plan have been altered;
 - A new requirement defines holiday peak and off peak pricing days; and
 - The term “PLAN” has been added to the end of the title.

- Schedule Index:
 - Schedule 39 Street Lighting Service Supplemental Seasonal or Variable Energy has been deleted;
 - Schedule 40 has been modified to “Non-metered General Service”;
 - Schedule 61 has deleted “for Power Quality”;
 - Sheet number 41-7 has been modified to 41-8;
 - Sheet 55-1 has been modified to 55-2;
 - Sheet 66-3 has been modified to 66-4; and
 - Sheet 72-27 has been modified to 72-29.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the submitted tariff revisions and believes that, while some of the modifications in the tariff advice are relatively minor, some alterations to the Time Variant Program are substantive and warrant further review. Furthermore, Staff has concerns over the major modifications to the Energy Watch and Time-of-Use programs, particularly as it relates to selecting participant criteria. The Company is aware of Staffs’ recommendation to convert this filing from a tariff advice to modified procedure, and the Company has not expressed objections.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the filing be suspended and the tariff advice be treated as an application and processed under Modified Procedure with a 21 day comment period. IDAPA 31.01.01.134.02. Doing so would allow interested parties an opportunity to provide input and allow the Company to provide additional information for the programs’ considerable programmatic modifications.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to suspend Idaho Power’s Tariff Advice No. 12-02 and proceed under Modified Procedure?


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