

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)	CASE NO. IPC-E-16-23
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES DUE)	
TO REVISED DEPRECIATION RATES)	
FOR ELECTRIC PLANT-IN-SERVICE)	
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)	CASE NO. IPC-E-16-24
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)	
FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TO RECOVER)	NOTICE OF REVISED
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NORTH)	COMMENT SCHEDULE
VALMY PLANT)	
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)	ORDER NO. 33759

On October 21, 2016, Idaho Power Company filed an Application asking the Commission to approve revised depreciation rates for its electric plant-in-service and correspondingly adjust Idaho jurisdictional base rates, with a requested effective date of June 1, 2017. Application (Case No. IPC-E-23) at 1. The Company concurrently filed an Application requesting Commission authorization to accelerate the depreciation schedule for the North Valmy power plant, establish an associated balancing account, and adjust customer rates, also with a requested effective date of June 1, 2017. *See* Application (Case No. IPC-E-16-24) at 1.

In November 2016, the Commission issued Orders providing notice of each Application and setting deadlines for interventions. Order Nos. 33650 and 33652. The Commission granted Petitions to Intervene in both cases from the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, Inc. (IIPA); Micron Technology, Inc.; the Idaho Conservation League (ICL) and Sierra Club; the U.S. Department of Energy and the Federal Executive Agencies, and the Industrial Customers of Idaho Power. Order Nos. 33659, 33660, 33670, 33671, 33672, 33710, 33673, 33674, 33676, and 33746.

The parties conferred and agreed to process both Applications via Modified Procedure with agreed comment deadlines, which the Commission adopted. Order No. 33690. The parties also agreed to meet to discuss potential settlement options.

In the course of settlement discussions, the parties indicated that they wanted more time to consider potential settlement options and to develop comments if a settlement is not

reached. The parties agreed to a modified comment schedule for both cases, which Staff moved the Commission to adopt. The Commission found good cause to adopt the parties' revised schedule, currently in place:

- April 27, 2017 Deadline for comments from parties and the public
- May 9, 2017 Deadline for parties' cross-answering comments
- May 18, 2017 Deadline for Company reply comments

Order No. 33745.

STAFF'S MOTION TO REVISE THE COMMENT SCHEDULE

On April 26, 2017, Staff submitted a Motion to again revise the comment deadlines. Staff indicated that settlement discussions in both cases are ongoing, and the parties would benefit from additional time to consider settlement options prior to any comment deadline. Accordingly, the parties now agree that the existing comment deadlines should be vacated and agree or do not object to the following revised comment deadlines for both cases:

- May 4, 2017 Deadline for parties' comments
- May 11, 2017 Deadline for parties' cross-answering comments
- May 18, 2017 Deadline for Company reply comments

Staff explained that the change will allow more time for the parties to consider settlement proposals and, if no settlement is reached, still complete comments within the same overall timeframe as before. In particular, the new schedule does not change the last comment deadline, May 18, 2017, for the Company's reply comments. In addition, Staff requests that the deadline for comments from the public also be changed to May 4, 2017, to retain consistency in the comment deadlines for parties and the public. Accordingly, Staff's Motion asked the Commission to vacate the previously-adopted schedule and to adopt the parties' new proposed schedule instead for both cases.

After reviewing the request, good cause appearing, the Commission grants Staff's Motion. The previous schedule is vacated and the parties' revised schedule is adopted.

NOTICE OF REVISED COMMENT SCHEDULE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that comments from any **party** or any member of the **public** are due on May 4, 2017. Cross-answering comments from any party are due on May 11, 2017. Reply comments from the Company are due on May 18, 2017.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that these cases will continue to be processed under Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204), as described in Order No. 33644. Any comments must be submitted via the procedure and to the addresses described in Order No. 33690. This Order changes the deadlines for submittal of comments and cross-answering comments only.


ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that comments from any party or any member of the public are due on May 4, 2017. Cross-answering comments from any party are due on May 11, 2017. Reply comments from the Company are due on May 18, 2017.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this *3rd* day of May 2017.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER


ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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