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Comment: I am pleased that Idaho Power is planning to decommission the North Valmy power plants early, i.e. in 2025 instead of 2031 and 2035. This is an important step toward de-carbonizing Idaho's energy supply and I hope that the company will choose to decommission them even earlier, say 2019.

Besides the carbon pollution they generate, Idaho Power has shown through its IRP process that the North Valmy Plants are not economical to operate. They are currently being run as very expensive peakers and customers would benefit economically from closing them.

Because of the benefits of de-carbonization and economic benefits to Idaho Power's customers of early closure, I am sympathetic to the company's request for an accelerated depreciation schedule. Also, because of less interest payment, customers will pay less in total for the plants under an accelerated schedule, even if the monthly payment is a bit higher.

However, I see no necessary connection between the closure date of the plants and the final date for depreciation purposes. If the "rate shock" is too great from a depreciation schedule ending in 2019, I see no reason why the plants shouldn't be closed in 2019, but depreciated until 2025, for example.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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