

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

January 19, 2021 – 1:30 P.M.

In attendance was Commissioner Paul Kjellander, Commissioner Kristine Raper, and Commissioner Eric Anderson. Commissioner Kjellander called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** on January 12, 2021. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

The next order of business was **CONSENT AGENDA:**

2. Action Item: Nancy Ashcraft’s January 11, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: Updating List of Regulated Utilities for Assessment.

3. Action Item: Idaho Power’s Annual Compliance Filing to Update the Substation Allowance Under Schedule 19, Large Power Service, Tariff Advice No. 20-07.

Commissioner Kjellander made a motion to approve Staff’s recommendation for Items 2 and 3 under the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next order of business was **MATTERS IN PROGRESS:**

4. Action Item: Matt Hunter’s January 14, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power’s Application for Approval of a Capacity Deficiency Period to be Used for Avoided Cost Calculations; Case No. PAC-E-20-13.

Mr. Hunter reviewed his Decision Memorandum and asked does the Commission wish to grant the Intervenor’s (IdaHydro and the Renewable Energy Coalition) request for a technical hearing and if no, does the Commission wish to set new comment deadlines, and if yes, does the Commission wish to direct the parties and Staff regarding how the record should be developed.

Commissioner Raper made a motion to deny the Intervenor’s request for a technical hearing and consider the case fully submitted. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Action Item: John R. Hammond Jr.’s January 15, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company’s Application for Approval or Rejection of an Energy Sales Agreements with Coleman Hydroelectric LLC; Case No. IPC-E-20-27.

Mr. Hammond reviewed his Decision Memorandum and asked does the Commission wish to recognize Coleman Hydroelectric LLC as an original party or an intervening party in the matter.

Commissioner Raper made a motion to deny Coleman Hydroelectric LLC’s motion for intervenor status as the Company is currently a party to the case and may fully participate in the matter. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Action Item: Edward Jewell’s January 15, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Avista Corporation for an Order Approving the Extension of a Service Territory Agreement between Avista and Kootenai Electric Cooperative; Case No. AVU-E-21-02.

Mr. Jewell reviewed his Decision Memorandum and asked does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure and establish a 14-day comment period and a 1-day reply period.

Commissioner Raper made a motion to issue a Notice of Application and a Notice of Modified Procedure and establish a 14-day comment period and a 1-day reply period. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next order of business was **FULLY SUBMITTED MATTERS:**

7. Deliberation re: In the Matter of Avista Corporation’s Application for an Accounting Order for Approval to Change Its Accounting for Federal Income Tax Expense for Certain Plant Basis Adjustments and Deferral of Associated Change in Tax Expense; Case Nos. AVU-E-20-12 and AVU-G-20-07 [John R. Hammond Jr., Attorney].

8. Deliberation re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company’s Application for Approval or Rejection of an Energy Sales Agreement with Coleman Hydroelectric LLC; Case No. IPC-E-20-27 [John R. Hammond Jr., Attorney].

9. Deliberation re: In the Matter of Idaho Power’s Petition to Determine the Project Eligibility Cap for Published Avoided Cost Rates and the Appropriate Contract Length for Energy Storage Qualifying Facilities; Case No. IPC-E-20-02 [Edward Jewell, Attorney].

Commissioner Kjellander stated that Items 7, 8 and 9 under Fully Submitted Matters would be deliberated privately.

Commissioner Kjellander stated there was no further business before the Commission and the meeting was adjourned.

COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE OF APPROVAL