

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

August 31, 2021 – 1:30 P.M.

In attendance was Commissioner Kristine Raper. Commissioner Kjellander and Commissioner Eric Anderson participated via telephone. Commissioner Raper called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** on August 24, 2021. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

2. Action Item: Erick Shaner’s August 27, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Avista Corporation’s Application for Approval of an Amended and Restated Agreement for Administering Residential Developments between Avista Corporation and Kootenai Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Case No. AVU-E-21-12.

3. Action Item: Daniel Klein’s August 27, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: The 2017 Broadband Equipment Tax Credit Application for Cambridge Telephone Company, Inc.; Case No. CAM-T-21-01.

4. Action Item: Daniel Klein’s August 27, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: The 2018 Broadband Equipment Tax Credit Application for Cambridge Telephone Company, Inc.; Case No. CAM-T-21-02.

5. Action Item: Daniel Klein’s August 27, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: The 2019 Broadband Equipment Tax Credit Application for Cambridge Telephone Company, Inc.; Case No. CAM-T-21-03.

6. Action Item: Daniel Klein’s August 27, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: The 2020 Broadband Equipment Tax Credit Application for Cambridge Telephone Company, Inc.; Case No. CAM-T-21-04.

7. Action Item: Daniel Klein’s August 27, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: Filer Mutual Telephone Company’s Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Teleport Communications America, LLC.; Case No. FIL-T-21-02.

8. Action Item: Daniel Klein’s August 27, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: Potlatch Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom’s 2020 Broadband Equipment Tax Credit; Case No. POT-T-21-02.

Commissioner Raper made a motion to approve Staff’s recommendation for Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 under the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

9. Action Item: Erick Shaner’s August 27, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company’s Application to Initiate a Multi-Phase Collaborative Process for the Study of Costs, Benefits, and Compensation of Net Excess Energy Associated with Customer On-Site Generation; Case No. IPC-E-21-21.

Mr. Shaner reviewed the Decision Memorandum and asked does the Commission wish to grant the late petitions for intervention for ABC Power Co. LLC, Comet Energy LLC, Richard E. Kluckhohn and Wesley A. Kluckhohn, and Idahohome Solar LLC.

Commissioner Raper made a motion to grant the petitions for intervention filed by ABC Power Co. LLC, Comet Energy LLC, Richard E. Kluckhohn and Wesley A. Kluckhohn, and Idahohome Solar LLC as timely filed. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Action Item: Daniel Klein's August 27, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: 2021 Idaho Universal Service Fund Annual Report and Recommendations; Case No. GNR-T-21-07.

Mr. Klein reviewed the Decision Memorandum and asked does the Commission wish to approve the Administrator's Idaho USF 2021-2022 budget, adopt Staff's recommended funding Option, and accept Staff's final recommendation for quarterly cash flow reports to monitor revenue impacts from unforeseen changes in line counts or access minutes.

Commissioner Raper made a motion to approve the Administrator's Idaho USF 2021-2022 budget, adopt Staff's recommended funding Option, and accept Staff's final recommendation for quarterly cash flow reports to monitor revenue impacts from unforeseen changes in line counts are access minutes. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Action Item: Dayn Hardie's August 27, 2021, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Suez Water Idaho, Inc. to Acquire Eagle Water Company; Case Nos. SUZ-W-18-02 and EAG-W-18-01.

Mr. Hardie reviewed the Decision Memorandum and asked does the Commission wish to process this case by modified procedure and establish an October 13, 2021, deadline for public comments and an October 20, 2021, deadline for the Company's reply comments, hold a virtual public workshop on October 5, 2021, and schedule a customer hearing on November 1, 2021.

Commissioner Raper made a motion to process this case by modified procedure and establish an October 13, 2021, party comment deadline, an October 20, 2021, party response/reply deadline, an October 27, 2021, Company reply deadline, and schedule a customer hearing for November 1, 2021, allowing a comment period for the public through November 8, 2021 with the possibility of imposing a 5 minute limit regarding customer testimony at the customer hearing. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

12. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Application for Authority to Revise Electric Service Schedule No. 300 – Regulation Charges; Case No. PAC-E-21-15 [Dayn Hardie, Attorney].

13. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Falls Water Co., Inc.'s Application for Approval of Three Capital Projects: (1) Creation of a New Water Source; (2) Construction of a Storage Tank; and (3) Construction of a Wellhouse; Case No. FLS-W-21-01 [Dayn Hardie, Attorney].

Commissioner Raper stated that Items 12 and 13 under Fully Submitted Matters would be deliberated privately.

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

COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE OF APPROVAL