

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

April 12, 2022 – 1:30 P.M.

In attendance was Commissioner Eric Anderson and Commissioner John R. Hammond, Jr. Commissioner John Chatburn participated via telephone. Commissioner Anderson called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** on April 5, 2022. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

2. Action Item: Maria Barratt-Riley’s April 8, 2022, Decision Memorandum re: Calculating the 2022 Regulatory Fee Assessments for Public Utilities and Railroads; Case Nos. F-2022-1 and F-2022-2.

3. Action Item: Joseph Terry’s April 7, 2022, Decision Memorandum re: Avista’s Request for Authorization to Issue Common Stock; Case No. AVU-U-22-01.

Commissioner Anderson 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: Dayn Hardie’s April 12, 2022, Decision Memorandum re: Regarding Covid-19 Response; Case No. GNR-U-20-01.

Mr. Hardie presented the Decision Memorandum and asked if the Commission wished to supersede Order No. 35058 with an order that accounts for the Governor declaring the end of the emergency declaration, and if so: (1) issue an order indicating it will end COVID-19 related protocols established in Order No. 35058 effective April 15, 2022; (2) direct Staff to close Case No. GNR-U-20-01; (3) continue to utilize virtual platforms for meetings, hearings, and other proceedings where reasonable and as directed by the Commission; (4) continue the suspension of rules 61 and 62 indefinitely and direct parties to electronically file applications and other pleadings – except rate case applications – with the Commission Secretary; (5) direct that service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically (with exceptions for voluminous discovery related documents that may be filed and served on CD-ROM or USB flash drive); and (6) direct that the Commission Secretary may continue to send notices and orders electronically (except for Summons or Complaints).

Commissioner Hammond made a motion to issue an order approving Staff’s recommendations 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 as listed in the Decision Memorandum with a modification to recommendation 3 which should instead state that the Commission will continue to utilize virtual platforms for meetings, hearing, and other proceedings at the discretion of the Commission. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

5. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application Regarding the Energy Sales Agreement with Shingle Creek, LLC, for the Sale and Purchase of Electric Energy from the Shingle Creek Hydro Project; Case No. IPC-E-22-02 [Riley Newton, Attorney].

6. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Oregon Telephone Corporation's Amended Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange Services within the State of Idaho; Case No. ORT-T-22-01 [Riley Newton, Attorney].

Commissioner Anderson stated that Items 5 and 6 under Fully Submitted Matters would be deliberated privately.

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

COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE OF APPROVAL