

# IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

**March 14, 2023 – 1:30 P.M.**

In attendance was Commissioner Eric Anderson and Commissioner John R. Hammond, Jr. Commissioner Edward Lodge was absent. Commissioner Anderson called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was **ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED AGENDA** for March 14, 2023.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, under Idaho Code § 74-204, to amend the agenda as proposed, adding Action Item No. 6 under **MATTERS IN PROGRESS**, Riley Newton’s March 14, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Gem State Water company LLC’s Application for an Order Authorizing an Increase in Its Rates and Charges for Water Service in the State of Idaho (**Case No. GSW-W-22-01**). This item was not on the agenda as originally posted because the Company submitted a “Petition for Clarification or Reconsideration” after the agenda was published. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next order of business was **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS** on March 7 and 9, 2023. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

**2. Action Item: Chris Burdin’s March 14, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities, Requesting Authority to Revise Its Electric and Natural Gas Book Depreciation Rates and Authorize Deferred Account Treatment for Difference in Depreciation Expense; Case Nos. AVU-E-23-02 and AVU-G-23-02.**

**3. Action Item: Michael Duval’s March 14, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: IN the Matter of Avista’s Annual Rate Adjustment Filing for Electric Line Extension Schedule 51; Case NO. AVU-E-23-03.**

**4. Action Item: Michael Duval’s March 14, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company’s Application for an Order Approving the Transfer of Certain Assets Associated with Ritter Island; Case No. IPC-E-23-07.**

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve Staff’s recommendations for Items 2, 3 and 4 under the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

**5. Action Item: Chris Burdin’s March 14, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Veolia Water Idaho, Inc. for Authority to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Water Service in the State of Idaho; Case No. VEO-W-22-02.**

Mr. Burdin presented the Decision Memorandum and asked if the Commission wished to grant the Company’s request for Company witness Matt Kahn to testify remotely.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to deny the Company's request for Company witness Matt Kahn to testify remotely. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

**6. Action Item: Riley Newton and Chris Burdin's March 14, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Gem State Water Company LLC's Application for an Order Authorizing an Increase in Its Rates and Charges for Water Service in the State of Idaho; Case No. GSW-W-22-01.**

Mr. Newton presented the Decision Memorandum and asked if the Commission wished to grant the Parties' Motion to extend the deadline in Order No. 35692 to allow the Company to file conforming tariffs until after the Commission issues a final determination on the Company's Petition.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to grant the Parties' Motion to extend the deadline in Order No. 35692 to allow the Company to file conforming tariffs until after the Commission issues a final determination on the Company's Petition. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

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DATE OF APPROVAL