

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

April 25, 2023 – 1:30 P.M.

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

The first order of business was **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** on April 10, 2023. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

- 2. Action Item: Michael Duval and Yao Yin's April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Approval or Rejection of an Energy Sales Agreement with Lower Lowline, LLC for the Sale and Purchase of Electric Energy from the Lowline #2 Hydro Project; Case No. IPC-E-22-28.**
- 3. Action Item: Michael Duval's April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Sherry Cole's Formal Complaint Against Rocky Mountain Power; Case No. PAC-E-23-12.**
- 4. Action Item: Claire Sharp's April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Atomic Water Works, LLC's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; Case No. ATW-W-23-01.**
- 5. Action Item: Claire Sharp's April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Algoma Water System's Application to Increase Rates for Residential and Commercial Customers; Case No. AWS-W-23-01.**
- 6. Action Item: Claire Sharp's April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Authority to Implement Power Cost Adjustment Rates for Electric Service from June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024; Case No. IPC-E-23-12.**
- 7. Action Item: Travis Culbertson's April 25, 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.**
- 8. Action Item: Johan Kalala-Kasanda's April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: 2022 Idaho Telecommunications Relay Service ("TRS") Annual Report; Case No. GNR-T-23-02.**
- 9. Action Item: Johan Kalala-Kasanda's April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: 2022 Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program ("ITSAP") Annual Report; Case No. GNR-T-23-03.**
- 10. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Commission Staff's Application to Alter the Filing Date of the Capacity Deficiency Case; Case No. GNR-E-23-01.**
- 11. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Acquire**

Resources to be Online by 2024 and for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement with Franklin Solar, LLC; Case No. IPC-E-23-05.

12. Action Item: Chris Burdin’s April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, Requesting Authority to Revise Its Electric and Natural Gas Book Depreciation Rates and Authorize Deferred Accounting Treatment for Difference in Depreciation Expense; Case No. AVU-E-23-02 and AVU-G-23-02.

13. Action Item: Dayn Hardie’s April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Annual Update to “Surrogate Avoided Resource” Avoided Cost Rates; Case No. GNR-E-23-02.

14. Action Item: Dayn Hardie’s April 25, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power’s Petition for Approval of an Extension of the 2020 Inter-Jurisdictional Allocation Protocol; Case No. PAC-E-23-13.

Commissioner Hammond made a motion to approve Staff’s recommendations for Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 under the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next order of business was **RULEMAKING:**

15. Action Item: Stephen Goodson’s April 20, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Commission Staff’s Submission of a Notice of Intent to DFM to Promulgate Negotiated Rulemaking.

Ms. Maria Barratt-Riley presented the Decision Memorandum and asked if the Commission wished to approve Staff’s recommendations to submit the necessary forms to publish a Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules in the Administrative Bulletin.

Commissioner Hammond made a motion to approve Staff’s recommendation to submit the necessary forms to publish a Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules in the Administrative Bulletin. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

16. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Earthgrid PBC’s Application for Authority to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in Idaho; Case No. EPC-T-22-01 [Michael Duval, Attorney].

17. Deliberation 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-22-14 [Michael Duval, Attorney].

18. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Avista’s Annual Rate Adjustment Filing for Electric Line Extension Schedule 51; Case No. AVU-E-23-03 [Michael Duval, Attorney].

Commissioner Hammond stated that Items 16, 17 and 18 under Fully Submitted Matters would be deliberated privately.

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

COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE OF APPROVAL