

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

August 1, 2023 – 1:30 P.M.

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

The first order of business was **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** on July 11, 2023. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

- 2. Action Item: Laura Conilogue and Claire Sharp's August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Intermountain Gas Company's Application for Authority to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in the State of Idaho; Case No. INT-G-22-07.**
- 3. Action Item: Adam Triplett's August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Avista's Application for an Accounting Order Authorizing Deferral of Certain Costs Associated with the Montana Riverbed Lease Agreement; Case No. AVU-E-23-06.**
- 4. Action Item: Adam Triplett's August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Avista's Application for an Accounting Order Authorizing Accounting and Ratemaking Treatment of Costs Associated with the Company's Investment in AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure); Case Nos. AVU-E-23-07 and AVU-G-23-04.**
- 5. Action Item: Michael Duval's August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Kootenai Heights Water Systems' Application for Authority to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Water Service in the State of Idaho; Case No. KHW-W-23-01.**
- 6. Action Item: Claire Sharp's August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Falls Water Co., Inc.'s Application for the Authority to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Water Service in the State of Idaho; Case No. FLS-W-23-01.**
- 7. Action Item: Claire Sharp's August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Notice by Millennium Networks, LLC to the Commission of the Assets Acquisition of CTC Telecom, Inc.; Case Nos. CTL-T-23-03 and MNL-T-23-01.**
- 8. Action Item: Chris Burdin's August 1, 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 Nos. AVU-E-23-02 and AVU-G-23-02.**
- 9. Action Item: Chris Burdin's August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Authority to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Electric Service in the State of Idaho and for Associated Regulatory Accounting Treatment; Case No. IPC-E-23-11.**
- 10. Action Item: Chris Burdin's August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Authority to Implement Changes to the Compensation Structure Applicable to Customer On-Site Generation Under Schedules 6, 8 and 84 and to Establish an Export Credit Rate; Case No. IPC-E-23-14.**

11. Action Item: Chris Burdin’s August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Avista’s 2023 Electric Integrated Resource Plan; Case No. AVU-E-23-05.

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

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

12. Action Item: Claire Sharp’s August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Investigation of Island Park Water Company’s Violations of the Idaho Public Utilities Law; Case No. ISL-W-23-02.

Ms. Sharp presented the Decision Memorandum and asked if the Commission wished to suspend further proceedings in Case No. ISL-W-23-02.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to suspend further proceedings in Case No. ISL-W-23-02. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

13. Action Item: Chris Burdin’s August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Avista Corporation for the Authority to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Electric and Natural Gas Service to Electric and Natural Gas Customers in the State of Idaho; Case Nos. AVU-E-23-01 and AVU-G-23-01.

Mr. Burdin presented the Decision Memorandum and asked if the Commission wished to grant or deny the Motion filed by Intervenors Idaho Conservation League and NW Energy Coalition for permission for ICL/NWEC witness Lauren McCloy to appear remotely at the August 2, 2023, Technical Hearing.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to deny the Motion filed by Intervenors ICL/NWEC for permission for witness Lauren McCloy to appear remotely, but to allow for in-person sponsorship of Ms. Meloy’s testimony at the August 2, 2023, Technical Hearing. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

14. Action Item: Yao Yin and Michael Duval’s August 1, 2023, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power’s Application for the Approval of a Capacity Deficiency Period to be Used for Avoided Cost Calculations; Case No. PAC-E-22-14.

Mr. Duval presented the Decision Memorandum and asked if the Commission wished to grant the waiver of the compliance filing and direct the Company to file its capacity deficiency case after the acknowledgement of the 2023 IRP, incorporating the compliance filing items in its application.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to grant the waiver of the compliance filing and direct the Company to file its capacity deficiency case after the acknowledgement of the 2023 IRP, incorporating the compliance filing items in its application.

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

15. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Greylock Energy Holdings, LLC for Approval of Its Stock and Ownership Interests Purchase Agreement with Israel Ray for the Acquisition of Atlanta Power Company; Case No. ATL-E-22-02 [Chris Burdin, Attorney].

16. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Intermountain Gas Company’s Tariff Advice No. 23-02; Case No. INT-G-23-01 [Adam Triplett, Attorney].

Commissioner Anderson stated that Items 15 and 16 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