

# IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

### SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

October 29, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.

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

The first order of business was the **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** on October 15th, 2024. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

- 2. Action Item: Johan E. Kalala-Kasanda's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Between Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. and Level 3 Communications, LLC for the State of Idaho; Case No. COL-T-24-01.**
- 3. Action Item: Johan E. Kalala-Kasanda's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Cambridge Telephone Co., Inc.'s Application for Approval of the Idaho Broadband Equipment Tax Credit for the Tax Year 2021; Case No. CAM-T-24-01.**
- 4. Action Item: Johan E. Kalala-Kasanda's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Cambridge Telephone Co., Inc.'s Application for Approval of the Idaho Broadband Equipment Tax Credit for the Tax Year 2022; Case No. CAM-T-24-02.**
- 5. Action Item: Johan E. Kalala-Kasanda's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Farmers Mutual Telecom Inc.'s Application for Approval of the Idaho Broadband Equipment Tax Credit for the Tax Year 2023; Case No. FMU-T-24-01.**
- 6. Action Item: Johan E. Kalala-Kasanda's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company's Application for Approval of the Idaho Broadband Equipment Tax Credit for the Tax Year 2023; Case No. FMT-T-24-01.**
- 7. Action Item: Johan E. Kalala-Kasanda's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of TDS Metrocom, LLC's Application for Approval of Its Idaho Broadband Equipment Tax Credit for the Tax Year 2023; Case No. TML-T-24-01.**
- 8. Action Item: Johan E. Kalala-Kasanda's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Along with the Interconnection Agreement Between Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Lumen") and Albion Telephone Co. d/b/a ATC Communications for the State of Idaho; Case No. ALB-T-24-02.**

**9. Action Item: Johan E. Kalala-Kasanda's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Potlatch Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom's Application for Approval of Its Idaho Broadband Equipment Tax Credit for the Tax Year 2023; Case No. POT-T-24-01.**

**10. Action Item: Michael Duval's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Application to Update Load and Gas Forecasts Used in the Integrated Resource Plan Avoided Cost Model; Case No. PAC-E-24-12.**

**11. Action Item: Shubhra Deb Paul's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Intermountain Gas Company's Tariff Advice Regarding Revisions to Section C of General Service Provisions; Tariff Advice No. INT-TAG-24-02.**

**12. Action Item: Stephen Goodson's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: Zero Based Rules Review – 2024.**

**13. Action Item: Adam Triplett's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Annual Compliance Filing to Update the Load and Gas Forecasts in the Incremental Cost Integrated Resource Plan Avoided Cost Model; Case No. IPC-E-24-40.**

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve Staff's recommendations for Items 2 through 13 under the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**14. Action Item: Michael Duval's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Utility Company, Inc.'s Application to Amend Its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; Case No. ROC-W-24-01.**

Michael Duval presented the memorandum involving Rocky Mountain Utility's application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN). The utility is seeking to expand its service area to a new subdivision.

Commissioner Hammond noted a discrepancy, as the company is already servicing an area not authorized under its current CPCN, an area that is also not included in their request.

Mr. Duval confirmed that information was factual. And mentioned that staff recommended suspending the case for 30 days until the company provides an amended application that accurately describes all areas served.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to order the company to submit an amended application that accurately describes all the service territory that the company currently serves and plans to serve within 30 days of the commission's order. Included in that order will be a suspension with a new procedural schedule to be determined once the company has complied with the motion discussed above. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

**15. Action Item: Michael Duval's October 29, 2024, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Compliance Filing to Update the Customer Surcharge to Collect Incremental Costs of Distribution Undergrounding of the New 138 kV Transmission Line in the**

**Wood River Valley and Establish Necessary Regulatory Accounting Treatment; Case No. IPC-E-24-22.**

Michael Duval presented the memorandum regarding the compliance filing by Idaho Power related to surcharges for costs associated with the undergrounding of a new transmission line. The company requested a suspension of the case, as construction was incomplete due to uncontrollable events. Staff supported the suspension, citing insufficient information to make a recommendation. It was confirmed that no surcharges have been applied to customer bills.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to issue an interlocutory order staying the case until the company reinstates the case schedule or six months from the order's issuance, whichever comes first. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**16. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Boise Bench Battery Storage Facility; Case No. IPC-E-24-16 [Chris Burdin, Attorney].**

**17. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Avista Corporation's Annual Fixed Cost Adjustment Mechanism (FCA) Rate Adjustment; Case No. AVU-G-24-01 [Michael Duval, Attorney].**

**18. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Avista Corporation's Application for Approval of a Change in Rates for Purchased Gas Costs and Amortization of Gas-Related Deferral Balances; Case No. AVU-G-24-02 [Adam Triplett, Attorney].**

**19. Deliberation Memorandum re: Investigation Into Dry Creek Water Company, LLC, Owner of a Water Supply and Distribution System; Case No. DRY-W-24-01 [Adam Triplett, Attorney].**

Commissioner Anderson stated that Items 16-19 under Fully Submitted Matters would be deliberated privately.

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

  
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COMMISSION SECRETARY

11/6/2024  
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DATE OF APPROVAL