

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

April 10th, 2025 – 1:30 p.m.

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

The first order of business was the **ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED AGENDA** for April 10th, 2025.

Commissioner Lodge made a motion, under Idaho Code § 74-204, to amend the agenda, removing Action Item No. 7 from the **CONSENT AGENDA**, Erika Melanson's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Its First Annual Update to the Export Credit rate for Non-Legacy On-Site Generation Customers from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, in Compliance with Order No. 36048; Case No. IPC-E-25-15. A vote was taken on the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next order of business was the **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** on April 1st, 2025. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

2. Action Item: Travis Culbertson's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Veolia Water Idaho, Inc. for Property Exempt from Taxation – Facilities for Water or Air Pollution Control; Case No. VEO-W-25-01.

3. Action Item: Erika Melanson's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for an Accounting order for the incremental Distribution Undergrounding Costs of the New 138 kV Transmission Line in the Wood River Valley; Case No. IPC-E-25-14.

4. Action Item: Erika Melanson's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Avista Corporation's 2025 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan (IRP); Case No. AVU-G-25-03.

5. Action Item: Erika Melanson's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's 2024 Variable Energy Resource Study and Proposed Update to Schedule 87; Case No. IPC-E-25-07.

6. Action Item: Erika Melanson's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Electric Line Extension Schedule 51 Annual Rate Adjustment Filing of Avista Corporation; Case No. AVU-E-25-04.

- 7. Action Item: Erika Melanson's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Its First Annual Update to the Export Credit rate for Non-Legacy On-Site Generation Customers from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, in Compliance with Order No. 36048; Case No. IPC-E-25-15.**
- 8. Action Item: Maria Barratt-Riley's April 4, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: Calculating the 2025 Regulatory Assessments for Public Utilities and Railroads; Case Nos. F-2025-1 and F-2025-2.**
- 9. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Commission Staff's Application for Approval of an Oversight Process for the Acquisition of Large Supply-Side Electrical Resources; Case No. GNR-E-25-01.**
- 10. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Idaho Power Company for Approval of the North Valmy Power Plant Natural Gas Conversion Agreement with NV Energy; Case No. IPC-E-25-03.**
- 11. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Idaho Power Company for Review of the Company's Current Wildfire Mitigation Plan and Authorization to Defer Newly Identified Incremental Wildfire Mitigation Costs; Case No. IPC-E-25-05.**
- 12. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement with Jackalope Wind, LLC, and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Jackalope Wind Project; Case No. IPC-E-24-46.**
- 13. Action Item: Adam Triplett's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Avista Corporation's Application for 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-25-01 and AVU-G-25-01.**
- 14. Action Item: Adam Triplett's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application to Modify Its Energy Risk Management Standards; Case No. IPC-E-25-02.**
- 15. Action Item: Adam Triplett's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Application for Approval of \$66.7 Million ECAM Deferral; Case No. PAC-E-25-04.**
- 16. Action Item: Adam Triplett's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Two Battery Storage Facilities; Case No. IPC-E-24-45.**
- 17. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Commission Staff's Application to Update the Surrogate Avoided Resource ("SAR") Model and SAR-Based Avoided Cost Rates; Case No. AVU-E-25-05.**

18. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Commission Staff's Application to Update the Surrogate Avoided Resource ("SAR") Model and SAR-Based Avoided Cost Rates; Case No. IPC-E-25-18.

19. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Commission Staff's Application to Update the Surrogate Avoided Resource ("SAR") Model and SAR-Based Avoided Cost Rates; Case No. PAC-E-25-06.

20. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Its Annual Update to Marginal Pricing Used in Certain Schedules; Case No. IPC-E-25-17.

21. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Veolia Water Idaho, Inc. for a General rate Increase; Case No. VEO-W-24-01.

22. Action Item: Adam Triplett's April 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Priest Lake Water, LLC's Application to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Water Service in the State of Idaho; Case No. PLW-W-24-02.

Commissioner Hardie disclosed conflicts of interest with item 22 due to previous involvement in his previous role as a Deputy Attorney General and abstained from making decisions on those items.

Commissioner Lodge made a motion to approve Staff's recommendations for Items 2 through 6 and 8 through 21 under the Consent Agenda. A full commission vote was taken on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lodge made a motion for himself and Commissioner Hammond to approve Staff's recommendations for Item 22 under the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hammond took a moment to welcome, Deputy Attorney General Erika Melanson, the new member of the Legal Division of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

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

23. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Avista Corporation's Application to Update and Establish Its Capacity Deficiency Period to be Used for Avoided Cost Calculations; Case No. AVU-E-25-02 [Chris Burdin, Attorney].

24. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Idaho Power Company for Approval or Rejection of an Energy Sales Agreement with the City of Hailey, for the Sale and Purchase of Electric Energy from the Hailey CSPP Project; Case No. IPC-E-25-04 [Chris Burdin, Attorney].

25. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement with Blacks Creek Energy Center, LLC; Case No. IPC-E-24-42 [Chris Burdin, Attorney].

26. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Teton Water & Sewer Company's Application for Reserve Fund Distribution for 2024; Case No. TTS-W-25-01 [Chris Burdin, Attorney].

Commissioner Lodge stated that Items 23 through 26 under Fully Submitted Matters would be deliberated privately.



COMMISSION SECRETARY

4/15/2025

DATE OF APPROVAL