

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

April 23rd, 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 23rd, 2025.

Commissioner Lodge made a motion, under Idaho Code § 74-204, to amend the agenda, adding Action Items No. 9 and 10 to the **CONSENT AGENDA**, Action Item No. 9: Adam Triplett's April 23, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for a Deferred Accounting Order Related to Chehalis Compliance Costs; Case No. PAC-E-25-05. And Action Item No. 10: Erika Melanson's April 23, 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 15th, 2025. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

2. Action Item: Erika Melanson's April 23, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Approval of a First Amendment to the Energy Sales Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Electric Energy from the Birch Creek Hydro Project; Case No. IPC-E-25-19.

3. Action Item: Erika Melanson's April 23, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Application Requesting Approval of Updated Variable Energy Prices for QFs Subject to Terms of the 1992 Amendments to Certain Power Purchase Agreements; Case No. PAC-E-25-07.

4. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 23, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Authority to Implement Power Cost Adjustment ("PCA") Rates for Electric Service from June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026; Case No. IPC-E-25-20.

5. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 23, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Commission Staff's Formal Complaint Concerning Intermountain Gas Company and the Rexburg Liquid Natural Gas Facility; Case No. INT-G-25-01.

6. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 23, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Veolia Water Idaho, Inc.'s Application for a General Rate Case; Case No. VEO-W-24-01.

7. Action Item: Chris Burdin's April 23, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Approval of Special Contract and Tariff Schedule 28 to Provide Electric Service to Micron Idaho Semiconductor Manufacturing (Triton) LLC; Case No. IPC-E-24-44.

8. Action Item: Adam Triplett's April 23, 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.

9. Action Item: Adam Triplett's April 23, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for a Deferred Accounting Order Related to Chehalis Compliance Costs; Case No. PAC-E-25-05.

10. Action Item: Erika Melanson's April 23, 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.

Commissioner Hardie disclosed conflicts of interest with item no. 8, PLW-W-24-02, 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 7, 9 and 10 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 no. 8 under the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hammond requested an expeditious issuance of the order and press release for PLW-W-24-02 due to the new hearing date and comment deadline.

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

11. Action Item: Johan E. Kalala-Kasanda's April 23, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: 2024 Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program ("ITSAP") Annual Report; Case No. GNR-T-25-04.

Mr. Kalala-Kasanda presented the memorandum regarding the ITSAP Annual Report providing the commission with staff's report. After reviewing the Administrators report, staff determined that the commission's action of reinstating the session rated proved to be very beneficial to the program and has stabilized the funds of the program. As a result of the reinstatement the case balance at the end of 2024 was \$633,000. Additionally, the positive outcome prompted companies who were not reporting access lines to the Administrator to begin doing so resulting in more revenues for the fund. Based on the Administrators judgment this change should reduce the social rate from 0.05 to 0.03, at least for this year.

Commissioner Lodge made a motion to accept the 2024 ITSAP Annual Report and adopt the Administrator's 2025 budget. Additionally, directing all companies to report access lines counts to the Administrator. A vote was taken on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

12. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of CDS Stoneridge Utilities, LLC's Application for Authority to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Water Service in the State of Idaho; Case No. SWS-W-24-01 [Chris Burdin, Attorney].

13. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Aspen Creek Water Co., Inc.'s Application to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Water Service in the State of Idaho; Case No. ASP-W-24-03 [Chris Burdin, Attorney].

14. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Cable One VoIP LLC d/b/a Sparklight's Application to Relinquish Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Idaho; Case No. CAB-T-24-01 [Adam Triplett, Attorney].

15. Deliberation Memorandum re: Investigation Into Buckskin Properties, Inc., Owner of a Water Supply and Distribution System; Case No. BPI-W-24-01 [Erika Melanson, Attorney].

Commissioner Lodge stated that Items 12 through 15 under Fully Submitted Matters would be deliberated privately.



COMMISSION SECRETARY

5/6/2025

DATE OF APPROVAL