

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

May 6th, 2025 – 1:30 p.m.

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

The first order of business was the **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** on October 1st, 2024. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

2. Action Item: Erika Melanson’s May 6, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Idaho Power Company for a Determination of 2024 Demand-Side Management Expenses as Prudently Incurred; Case No. IPC-E-25-12.

3. Action Item: Chris Burdin’s May 6, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of PacifiCorp’s Application for Acknowledgement of the 2025 Integrated Resource Plan; Case No. PAC-E-24-13.

Commissioner Lodge made a motion to approve Staff’s recommendations for Items 2 and 3 under the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

4. Action Item: Adam Triplett’s May 6, 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.

Adam Triplett presented the memorandum and provided background information on the matter. He noted that the Commission had previously established a public comment deadline of May 7, 2025, and a company reply deadline of May 28, 2025. However, he informed the Commission that the company had recently notified staff that new U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports would significantly impact the cost of the battery facilities involved in this case.

Given the magnitude of the price increase and the short timeframe before the comment deadline, Mr. Triplett explained that staff could not conduct a thorough analysis or adequately address the cost implications before the existing deadline. As a result, staff filed a motion on Friday to vacate the existing deadlines and reset them. All other parties were notified of the motion, and none opposed it, with the exception of the irrigation pumpers, from whom no response had been received as of the meeting. Staff proposed new deadlines of June 11, 2025, for public comments and July 2, 2025, for the company’s reply to allow more time for evaluation and response.

Commissioner Hardie voiced his support for resetting the deadlines but raised concerns about whether a month would be enough time for all parties to fully evaluate the implications of the 145% tariff. He noted the volatile nature of such tariffs and questioned whether additional time might provide flexibility to consider alternative resources or solutions under the company's request for proposals (RFP).

Mr. Triplett responded that the proposed deadlines had been discussed with staff, but he could not confirm whether that timeline would allow for broader consideration of alternatives.

Commissioner Hardie acknowledged that, if necessary, the Commission could later approve an additional extension.

Commissioner Hardie made a motion that the Commission issue an order vacating the existing deadlines of May 7 and May 28, 2025. He further moved that the Commission reset the public comment deadline to June 11, 2025, and the company reply deadline to July 2, 2025, as outlined in Order No. 36569. A vote was taken on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

5. Deliberation Memorandum re: Investigation Into Red Pheasant Holdings, LLC—Owner of a Water Supply and Distribution System; Case No. RED-W-24-01 [Erika Melanson, Attorney].

6. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application for Approval of the Asset Agreement between Rocky Mountain Power and the City of Idaho Falls—Broadway Street; Case No. PAC-E-25-03 [Erika Melanson, Attorney].

Commissioner Lodge stated that Items 5 and 6 under Fully Submitted Matters would be deliberated privately.

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



COMMISSION SECRETARY

05/13/2025

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