

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

June 10th, 2025 – 1:30 p.m.

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

The first order of business was the **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** on May 27th, 2025. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

2. Action Item: Seungjae Lee's June 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.

3. Action Item: Johan E. Kalala-Kasanda's June 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Filer Mutual Telephone Company's Application for the Approval of Its 2024 Idaho Broadband Equipment Tax Credit; Case No. FIL-T-25-01.

4. Action Item: Travis Culbertson's June 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Aspen Creek Water Company's Application to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Water Service in the State of Idaho; Case No. ASP-W-24-03.

5. Action Item: Michael Eldred's June 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Veolia Water Idaho, Inc., for a General Rate Case; Case No. VEO-W-24-01.

6. Action Item: Chris Burdin's June 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.

7. Action Item: Adam Triplett's June 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Avista Corporation's Application 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-25-01 and AVU-G-25-01.

8. Action Item: Jeffrey Loll's June 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Intermountain Gas Company for Authority to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Gas Service in the State of Idaho; Case No. INT-G-25-02.

9. Action Item: Jeffrey Loll's June 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application for Approval of the Asset Transfer Agreement between Rocky Mountain Power and the City of Idaho Falls—49th N.; Case No. PAC-E-25-10.

10. Action Item: Jeffrey Loll's June 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application for Approval of the Asset Transfer Agreement between Rocky Mountain Power and the City of Idaho Falls—W. Sunnyside Rd.; Case No. PAC-E-25-11.

11. Action Item: Jeffrey Loll's June 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Intermountain Gas Company for a Determination of 2023 Energy Efficiency Expenses as Prudently Incurred and Approval of Rate Schedule EE-RS; Case No. INT-G-24-05.

12. Action Item: Erika Melanson's June 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.

13. Action Item: Erika Melanson's June 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Idaho Power Company for Authority to Increase Its Rates and Charges for Electric Service in the State of Idaho and Authority to Implement Certain Measures to Mitigate the Impact of Regulatory Lag; Case No. IPC-E-25-16.

Commissioner Hardie disclosed conflicts of interest with items no. 4, 11 and 14 due to previous involvement in his previous role as a Deputy Attorney General and abstained from making decisions on those items.

Commissioner Hammond made a motion for himself and Commissioner Lodge to approve Staff's recommendations for Item no. 4 and 11 under the Consent Agenda. A vote was taken on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hammond made a motion to approve Staff's recommendations for Items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 under the Consent Agenda. A full commission vote was taken on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

14. Action Item: Adam Triplett's June 10, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Tyler Hillman's Formal Complaint Against PacifiCorp d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power; Case No. PAC-E-25-09.

Mr. Triplett presented the memorandum of the formal complaint Mr. Hillman filed against PacifiCorp regarding issues accessing electric service at a residence in East Idaho. He was initially told by PacifiCorp he could connect to a nearby line, but it was later discovered that the line is owned by a third party, not the company. Before learning this, Mr. Hillman had made investments in preparation for the connection. PacifiCorp subsequently refunded him for those investments. Mr. Hillman claims PacifiCorp informed him they had an agreement with the third-party owner allowing him to connect to the line, but that agreement did not materialize. Mr. Hillman now asserts it would cost approximately \$150,000 to connect to the nearest company-owned line. His complaint includes a general claim that PacifiCorp's actions violated Schedule 12 of its tariff but lacks specific supporting details.

Mr. Triplett recommended conditionally dismissing the complaint, allowing Mr. Hillman 30 days to amend the complaint with specific allegations and citations. If no amendment is filed, the dismissal becomes final. The recommendation is based on the Idaho Supreme Court decision in *Edwards v. Idaho PUC*, complaints must clearly state the alleged violations and supporting facts. Mr. Hillman's complaint is considered deficient due to a lack of specificity.

Commissioner Hammond agreed with Mr. Triplett's recommendation and emphasized the need for detailed factual and legal assertions, in line with the Idaho Supreme Court precedent.

Commissioner Hammond made a motion to conditionally dismiss the complaint, allowing Mr. Hillman 30 days to file an amended complaint with specific legal and factual details. If amended appropriately, the commission will review it under Idaho code 61-612 and may issue a summons requiring PacifiCorp to respond within 21 days. If not amended, the complaint will be dismissed without prejudice. A vote was taken on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

15. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power 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 [Erika Melanson, Attorney].

16. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Avista Corporation for an Accounting Order Authorizing Accounting and Ratemaking Treatment of Costs Associated with Tariffs Levied on Canadian Energy Imports; Case Nos. AVU-E-25-03 and AVU-G-25-02. [Erika Melanson, Attorney].

17. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of the Decommissioning and Sale of the Paris Hydroelectric Project Generating Facilities; Case No. PAC-E-25-01 [Erika Melanson, Attorney].

18. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Approval of a First Amendment of the Energy Sales Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Electric Energy from the Birch Creek Hydro Project; Case No. IPC-E-25-19 [Erika Melanson, Attorney].

19. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of the Application of Idaho Power Company to Modify Schedule 72, Generator Interconnections to PURPA Qualifying Facility Sellers, in Conformance with FERC Orders 2023/2023-A; Case No. IPC-E-25-06 [Jeff Loll, Attorney].

Commissioner Hammond stated that Items 15 through 19 under Fully Submitted Matters would be deliberated privately.

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



COMMISSION SECRETARY

6/17/2025

DATE OF APPROVAL