

# IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF DECISION MEETING

### SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**July 1st, 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 July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Commissioner Lodge made a motion, under Idaho Code § 74-204, to amend the agenda, moving Action Items No. 2 from the **Consent Agenda** to **Matters in Progress**, Action Item No. 2: Adam Triplett's July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Commission Staff's Application for Approval of a Filing Process for Wildfire Mitigation Plans; Case No. GNR-E-25-02. 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 June 24th, 2025. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

**2. Action Item: Adam Triplett's July 1st, 2025, Decision Memorandum re: In the Matter of Commission Staff's Application for Approval of a Filing Process for Wildfire Mitigation Plans; Case No. GNR-E-25-02.**

Mr. Triplett presented the memorandum regarding staff's-initiated case in response to the *Idaho Wildfire Standard of Care Act*, which became effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The Act requires electric public utilities to file wildfire mitigation plans for commission review and approval. It also authorizes cooperatives and municipalities to file similar plans. Once approved, these plans will define the corporation's duty regarding wildfire mitigation.

Staff requested the commission establish a process for receiving and reviewing wildfire mitigation plans, fearing that with the Act effective July 1, 2025, companies would begin filing immediately. A motion was filed to establish a filing schedule. Due to the effective date, staff sought expedited consideration.

Kootenay Electric Cooperative filed a formal objection to the immediate establishment of filing deadlines or at least requested additional time for public/party comments. No additional formal objections from other parties were noted as of the meeting.

Staff suggested, as an alternative, the issuance of a commission interlocutory order prohibiting wildfire mitigation plan filings until a final order is issued in the current proceeding. Parties would be directed/authorized to propose a filing schedule in their comments. This would avoid immediate mass

filings before clear format/process guidelines are established, which could otherwise cause administrative difficulties.

Commissioner Hammond sought to gather input from Kootenai Electric Cooperative's council; however, council did not appear to be on the call.

Commissioner Hammond also expressed concerns regarding the commission's statutory authority specifically whether the commission could prohibit filing or simply request a delay of filings. Hammond asked Mr. Triplett for clarification as to whether staff is requesting a delay in filing or requesting to prohibit filings and whether the commission has authority to do so.

Mr. Triplett clarified that based on his recollection the statutory text authorizes the commission to require filings to be made on a specific date or to stagger filings.

Commissioner Hardie made a motion to issue an interlocutory order prohibiting electric corporations from filing wildfire mitigation plans until the commission issues a final order in this case. And direct electric corporations to submit proposed filing schedules as part of their comments in the current case. A vote was taken on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**3. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of Metro Fibernet, LLC for Approval as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier in the State of Idaho; Case No. MFN-T-25-01 [Erika K. Melanson, Attorney].**

**4. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of the Application of West Fiber, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services within the State of Idaho; Case No. WFL-T-25-02 [Erika K. Melanson, Attorney].**

**5. Deliberation Memorandum re: In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application to Modify Its Energy Risk Management Standards; Case No. IPC-E-25-02 [Adam Triplett, Attorney].**

Commissioner Lodge stated that Items 3 through 5 under Fully Submitted Matters would be deliberated privately.

  
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COMMISSION SECRETARY

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