

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF KOOTANAI)	CASE NO. CO7-E-25-01
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.’S)	
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
2026-2028 WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN)	
)	NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
)	DEADLINE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 36911

On December 31, 2025, Kootenai Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of its 2026-2028 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (“2026 WMP”), in accordance with *Idaho Code* §61-1801, *et seq.* (“Wildfire Standard of Care Act”).

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and sets deadlines by which interested persons may intervene.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company’s 2026 WMP was structured to comply with Order No. 36774 and the Wildfire Standard of Care Act by utilizing a rolling three-year planning horizon and incorporating detailed implementation plans for vegetation management, construction work, and system inspections for the 2026–2028 period. Application at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company’s 2026 WMP identifies geographic areas subject to heightened wildfire risk using a multi-factor risk assessment that considers vegetation, weather, topography, historical fire activity, and asset location, with most of the Company’s service territory classified as medium to very high risk. *Id.* at 3-4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company’s 2026 WMP outlines comprehensive preventive programs, including situational awareness supported by weather and fire-risk modeling tools, systematic asset inspections, enhanced vegetation management practices, operational protocols during elevated fire risk conditions, and the potential use of Public Safety Power Shutoffs. *Id.* at 4-8.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's 2026 WMP also outlines community outreach and coordination with federal, state, tribal, and local agencies to ensure effective wildfire preparedness, communication, and emergency response. *Id.* at 8-9.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that following review, the Company's board of directors determined that the 2026 WMP was feasible, financially prudent, and reasonably balances mitigation costs with wildfire risk reduction, and formally accepted the 2026 WMP. *Id.* at 11.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company attached a full copy of its 2026 WMP as Attachment 1 to its Application.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and 2026 WMP are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. The Application and 2026 WMP are also available on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "ELECTRIC" icon, select "Open Cases," and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code, and that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter to obtain parties' rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073. **Persons who wish to intervene as a party must file a Petition to Intervene no later than twenty-one (21) days after the date of service of this Order.** Such persons shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their email address to facilitate further communications. After the intervention deadline runs, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties that identifies the parties and assigns exhibit numbers to each party. Once the Notice of Parties has issued, Commission Staff shall informally confer with the Company and any intervening parties about how to further process this case and shall then report back to the Commission on a proposed case schedule.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons who would like to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination do not have to intervene but may present their views by submitting written comments to the Commission.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following people are designated as the Company's representatives in this matter:

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter must file a Petition to Intervene no later than twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Order. Once the deadline has passed, the Commission Secretary shall prepare and issue a Notice of Parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Notice of Parties has issued, Commission Staff shall confer with the parties regarding a procedural schedule for this matter including, if necessary, a hearing in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 23rd day of January, 2026.


EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


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ATTEST:


Monica Barrios-Sanchez
Commission Secretary

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