

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
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**DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2017**

**SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER  
COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH NEW SCHEDULES FOR  
RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL GENERAL SERVICE CUSTOMERS WITH  
ON-SITE GENERATION, CASE NO. IPC-E-17-13.**

In this memo, Staff recommends that the Commission adopt an agreed-upon schedule for the case, and suspend the proposed effective date according to *Idaho Code* § 61-622(4) and IDAPA 31.01.01.123 (Rule 123).

On July 27, 2017, Idaho Power Company ("Company") applied to the Commission for authority to establish new schedules for residential and small general service customers ("R&SGS") with on-site generation. The Company requested a December 31, 2017, effective date and prehearing conference. The Commission subsequently issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. *See* Order No. 33843. The Commission also directed the Company, Staff, and intervening parties to informally confer about a proposed schedule. *See id.*<sup>1</sup> As directed, all parties<sup>2</sup> received notice and informally met or otherwise conferred and the participating parties have agreed to ask the Commission to adopt the following case schedule:

| DATE              | ACTIVITY                                  |
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| October 27, 2017  | Deadline to file dispositive motions      |
| November 10, 2017 | All party response to dispositive motions |

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<sup>1</sup> Besides the Company and Staff, the parties include the following intervenors: Auric Solar, City of Boise, Idaho Conservation League, Idaho Clean Energy Association, Idahydro, Intermountain Wind and Solar, Irrigation Pumpers Association, Sierra Club, Snake River Alliance, NW Energy Coalition, and Vote Solar.

<sup>2</sup> Intervenors Intermountain Wind and Solar and the Irrigation Pumpers Association were both provided notice and informal email communications related to the scheduling meeting and proposed schedule, but chose not to respond or object to the schedule.

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| December 22, 2017 | Staff and Intervenors prefile direct testimony |
| January 26, 2018  | All party rebuttal                             |
| February 23, 2018 | Company reply                                  |
| March 8-9, 2018   | Technical hearing                              |

With this proposed schedule, the parties seek to enable the Commission to enter a final Order by April 1, 2018. As the proposed schedule contemplates proceedings beyond the Company's proposed effective date of December 31, 2017, if the Commission adopts this schedule, the Commission should also suspend the proposed effective date under *Idaho Code* § 61-622(4) (allowing the Commission to suspend proposed effective date for 30 days plus 5 months).

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission issue a scheduling Order that adopts the parties' proposed schedule and suspend the Company's proposed effective date of December 31, 2017, for a period of 30 days plus 5 months, unless the Commission issues an earlier Order accepting, rejecting, or modifying Idaho Power's filing. *See id.*

Per standard practice, Staff recommends that the Commission Order also direct Staff to convene customer workshops in the Company's service territory (with the workshop date(s) left to Staff's discretion based on its staffing requirements), and note that the Commission will schedule public hearings for customers at a later date.

#### **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to issue a scheduling Order that adopts the parties' proposed schedule, suspend the proposed effective date for 30 days plus 5 months (absent an earlier Order stating otherwise), directs Staff to convene workshops for customers, and notes that public hearings for customers will be scheduled at a later date?




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