

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER RAPER  
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COMMISSION SECRETARY  
COMMISSION STAFF  
LEGAL

**FROM:** SEAN COSTELLO  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 1, 2018

**SUBJECT:** IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY TO STUDY FIXED COSTS OF PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS, CASE NO. IPC-E-18-16.

On October 19, 2018, Idaho Power Company filed a Petition with the Commission seeking to initiate a docket to “facilitate stakeholder input on, and Idaho Power’s subsequent filing of, a comprehensive customer fixed-cost analysis as envisioned by Order No. 34046.” Application at 1. Idaho Power’s Petition asks the Commission, according to Order No. 34046, to open a docket in order to facilitate analysis of fixed-cost recovery in basic charges and other rate design options through “a comprehensive customer fixed-cost analysis to determine the proper methodology and ‘spread’ of fixed costs as they relate to the Company’s customer.” *Id.* at 2; Order No. 34046 at 23. Idaho Power states that the Commission envisioned the scope of the study should include input from interested parties and, therefore, an intervention period should be established. *Id.*

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application and deadline to intervene, with a 21-day intervention deadline.

Staff further recommends that after the intervention period, the Commission should direct Staff to convene an informal prehearing conference for the Company, Staff, and any intervenors to discuss a schedule to process the case and other issues that may be raised by the parties. Staff would propose that the parties conduct this process within five (5) months of the issue date of the Notice of Application. After this process occurs, Staff would report back to the

Commission so another Order can issue setting further procedure.

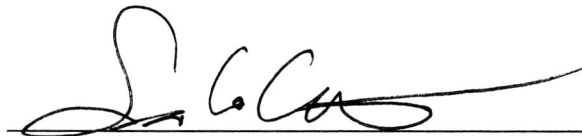
### COMMISSION DECISION

1. Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application setting a 21-day deadline for intervention?

2. Does the Commission wish to direct Staff to convene an informal prehearing conference, or conferences, for the Company, Staff, and any intervenors to discuss a schedule to process this case by and attempt consensus on the scope of issues that may be raised by the parties?

3. Does the Commission wish to order the parties to conduct their prehearing conference(s) and establish and present to the Commission for decision the agreed upon procedural and substantive scope of this docket within five (5) months of the issue date of the Notice of Application?

4. Anything else?

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Sean Costello  
Deputy Attorney General