

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2019

**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 May 9, 2018, in Docket No. IPC-E-17-13, the Commission ordered Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power” or “Company”) to “undertake a comprehensive customer fixed-cost analysis to determine the proper methodology and ‘spread’ of fixed costs as they relate to the Company’s customers. The Company, with input from interested parties, shall outline the scope of the study that should include exploring fixed-cost recovery in basic charges and other rate design options.” Order No. 34046 at 23.

On October 19, 2018, the Company filed a Petition to Initiate Docket requesting the Commission initiate this docket “to facilitate stakeholder input on a comprehensive customer fixed-cost analysis performed by the Company as envisioned by Order No. 34046.”

On November 9, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Petition and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 34190.

Parties to this docket are the Company, Commission Staff, Idaho Conservation League, Avista Corporation, NW Energy Coalition, Idahydro, Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, Inc., Rocky Mountain Power, Vote Solar, City of Boise, Idaho Sierra Club, Idaho Clean Energy Association, Industrial Customers of Idaho Power, and Russell Schiermeier. In sum, one pre-hearing conference and five “settlement conferences”¹ were held.

¹ Although the parties referred to their meetings as “settlement conferences” throughout this case, parties also generally understood that the end result of this docket was to be a study conducted by the Company, with input from

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The parties agreed to, and Staff recommends the Commission set a 90-day comment period and a 30-day reply period.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to set a 90-day comment period and a 30-day reply period?



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stakeholders, to be filed with the Commission for informational purposes. Therefore, settlement was not an aim of this case, but the parties did work collaboratively to shape the scope of the document submitted by the Company.