

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER'S) **CASE NO. IPC-E-19-15**
APPLICATION TO EVALUATE SCHEDULE)
84 – NET METERING) **NOTICE OF CONTINUED**
) **SUSPENSION OF EFFECTIVE**
) **DATE**
)
) **ORDER NO. 34488**

On April 5, 2019, the Company filed an Application requesting the Commission initiate a collaborative process to study the continued reasonableness of terms in Schedule 84 for commercial, industrial, and irrigation (“CI&I”) net metering customers. The Company requested Schedule 84 be suspended for new applicants as of April 5, 2019 while the case was processed.

On April 18, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Procedural Comment Deadline. Order No. 34315. The Commission determined that the Company had not demonstrated that Schedule 84 should be closed to new applicants during the pendency of the case, and therefore suspended the Company’s proposed effective date. By statute, the maximum time the Commission could initially suspend the proposed effective date was 5 months plus 30 days. *Idaho Code* § 61-622(4). The Commission suspended the effective date for the maximum initial statutory amount, which was until October 7, 2019.

On September 10, 2019, the Company submitted a letter consenting to an extended expiration period until November 15, 2019. The Company stated, “Parties to this docket, as well as its companion docket, Case No. IPC-E-18-15 for residential and small general service net metering customers, have met throughout the year to discuss settlement of net metering issues. Building upon progress made to date in Case No. IPC-E-18-15, Idaho Power is hopeful that a settlement in this docket can be reached during one of the two settlement conferences scheduled for October 2019.” Letter from Lisa D. Nordstrom, Lead Counsel for Idaho Power dated September 10, 2019. Parties to IPC-E-18-15 achieved a Settlement Agreement, which was submitted to the Commission on October 11, 2019.

On November 12, 2019, Staff presented a Decision Memo at the Commission’s Decision Meeting stating that Staff continued to view settlement as an achievable result in IPC-E-19-15, and therefore recommended the Commission continue the suspension of the effective date

so as not to disrupt the settlement negotiations. Staff noted that the Settlement Agreement in IPC-E-18-15 provided substantial framework for the settlement discussion in IPC-E-19-15 and that the parties in IPC-E-19-15 had exchanged several proposals and counterproposals. Based on the continued progress in the collaborative process, Staff requested an additional sixty day suspension of the effective date under *Idaho Code* § 61-622(4).

Having reviewed Staff's Decision Memo and the arguments presented at the November 12, 2019, Decision Meeting, good cause exists for further suspension. Accordingly, pursuant to the Commission's authority under *Idaho Code* § 61-622, we will continue to suspend the effective date of the Company's Application.

ORDER

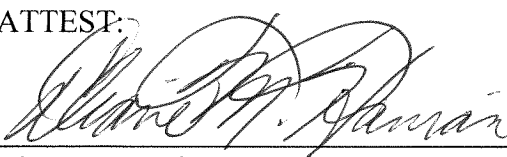
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the Company's proposed effective date of April 5, 2019, continue to be suspended for an additional 60 days until January 14, 2020.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 15th day of November, 2019.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER


ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

I:\Legal\ELECTRIC\IPC-E-19-15\IPCE1915_ntc sus cntd_ej