

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
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**DATE: JULY 2, 2020**

**SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER'S APPLICATION FOR A  
VALIDATED ECONOMIC CLOSURE DATE FOR NORTH VALMY  
POWER PLANT UNIT 2; CASE NO. IPC-E-19-18.**

On June 27, 2019, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") submitted an Application requesting the Commission acknowledge the Company sufficiently validated December 31, 2025 as the economic retirement date for Unit 2 of the North Valmy power plant.

On August 13, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Application but did not determine a procedure or set a timeline to process this case because the Company had notified the Commission that it would need additional time to perform supplemental analysis related to the long-term capacity expansion model used in the Company's Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"), which Commission Staff indicated might impact the economic analysis conducted in this case. Order No. 34398.

On January 31, 2020, Idaho Power submitted its amended 2019 IRP.

On March 6, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 34575. Industrial Customers of Idaho Power and Idaho Conservation League timely intervened.

On May 19, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Modified Procedure establishing an August 19, 2020 comment deadline and a September 2, 2020 reply comment deadline. Order No. 34672.

On May 22, 2020, the Company provided supplemental direct testimony.

On July 1, 2020, the Company filed a Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule.

## **MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

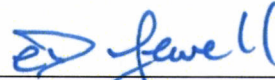
The Company states, "While Idaho Power has previously supplemented the initial filing, and has provided further corrections and revisions, the Company has continued to identify additional issues that require additional diligence to ensure accuracy of certain aspects of the IRP analysis and resulting analyses performed with respect to the economic closure of Valmy." Motion at 1. The Company states it is conducting a comprehensive review of its amended IRP. *Id.* at 4. The Company anticipates the review will take 2-3 weeks, and at that time it will propose a new procedural schedule. *Id.* at 5.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission vacate the established comment deadlines until establish new comment deadlines after the Company concludes its internal audit and files an update.

## **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to vacate the comment deadlines in this case?



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