DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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On July 19, 2019, the Company filed a letter stating that the Company had identified the need to perform supplemental analysis in order to confirm the accuracy of the IRP’s conclusions and findings. The Company estimates that the additional analysis could be completed and filed by October 31, 2019.

THE IRP

The IRP is a biennial status report on the Company’s plans to adequately and reliably serve its customers over the next twenty years through a least-cost least-risk resource mix. The IRP assesses resource options across a range of futures with varying forecasts for economic, market, and regulatory conditions. In the 2019 IRP, Idaho Power used AURORA, a long-term capacity expansion software, to develop resource portfolios for 24 different futures based on three natural gas forecasts and four possible carbon emission adders, which were modeled under a future with the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line project ("B2H") coming online in 2026, and a future without B2H coming online. The Company then selected its preferred portfolio based on a mix of identified attributes and developed an action plan through 2026. The Company engaged in eight public meetings with the IRP advisory council, which includes representatives from key stakeholders, while developing the 2019 IRP.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application. Once the Company files its revised 2019 IRP, Staff will make another recommendation regarding the timing and processing of the case.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application?

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