

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER) **CASE NO. IPC-E-19-19**
COMPANY’S 2019 INTEGRATED)
RESOURCE PLAN) **NOTICE OF AMENDED**
) **APPLICATION**
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) **NOTICE OF REVISED**
) **COMMENT DEADLINES**
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) **ORDER NO. 34834**
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On June 28, 2019, Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power” or “Company”) filed an Application requesting the Commission acknowledge the Company’s 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”).

On July 19, 2019, the Company filed a letter stating that the Company had identified the need to perform supplemental analysis to confirm the accuracy of the IRP’s conclusions and findings.

On August 13, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Application acknowledging the Company’s requested extension of time and stating the Commission would establish procedure and deadlines after the Company submitted its updated 2019 IRP analysis. Order No. 34410.

On January 31, 2020, the Company filed its Amended 2019 IRP.

On March 4, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Amended IRP and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 34572.

On May 13, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a July 22, 2020 comment deadline and an August 26, 2020 reply comment deadline. Order No. 34665.

On June 1, 2020, the Company submitted replacement pages to its IRP updating costs associated with the Jim Bridger power plant. On July 1, 2020, the Company filed “Idaho Power Company’s Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule and Update Regarding Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project.” The Company notified the Commission it had discovered additional issues with its amended IRP.

On July 16, 2020, the Commission vacated the comment deadlines until further notice. Order No. 34723.

On October 2, 2020, the Company submitted an Amended Application and a Second Amended 2019 IRP. Following the submission of the Amended Application and Second Amended 2019 IRP, Staff again informally conferred with the parties regarding a proposed procedure and schedule to process the case.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Amended Application and Notice of Revised Comment Deadlines.

NOTICE OF AMENDED APPLICATION AND SECOND AMENDED 2019 IRP

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in its Amended Application, the Company requests the Commission accept for filing, in accordance with Commission Order No. 22299, its Second Amended 2019 IRP.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company describes the steps it took to examine its IRP analysis, including convening an internal IRP Review Team that reviewed the inputs, the modeling logic, and the outputs to ensure consistency and accuracy. Amended Application at 3-4. The Company also describes its updated portfolio modeling compared to the Amended 2019 IRP. *Id.* at 4-5.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, like the 2019 IRP and the Amended 2019 IRP, the Company first generated 24 portfolios optimized to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (“WECC”). *Id.* at 5. The portfolios were developed based on combinations of three natural gas price forecasts and four carbon cost forecasts, examined with and without the Boardman to Hemingway (“B2H”) transmission line. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in the Second Amended 2019 IRP, Idaho Power identified six starting points for manual adjustment out of the 24 WECC-optimized portfolios and tested these six portfolios against four future natural gas and carbon pricing scenarios, with and without B2H. *Id.* at 5-6. The Company’s manual optimization focused on identifying optimal exit scenarios for the Jim Bridger coal units, and a sensitivity analysis related to a year-end 2022 exit from Valmy Unit 2, compared to a year-end 2025 exit. *Id.* at 6. The Company then compared the net present value of each manually adjusted portfolio and applied a stochastic risk analysis. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that the Second Amended 2019 IRP “continues to show a clear path toward a clean energy future through the procurement of new solar resources, a transition away from coal, and the development of B2H as a least-cost and carbon-free supply-side resource.” *Id.* at 7. The Company states its “updated Action Plan continues to support the same three core resource actions in the Preferred Portfolio of the Amended IRP, including (1) adding 120 MW of solar capacity by 2022; (2) exiting from four coal-fired generating units by year-end 2022, and from a total of five of the Company’s seven coal-fired units by year-end 2026; and (3) the completion and operation of B2H in 2026.” *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Amended Application and Second Amended 2019 IRP are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission’s office. These documents are also available on the Commission’s web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the “Electric” tab, then select “Open Cases” and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

NOTICE OF REVISED COMMENT DEADLINES

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that anyone desiring to state a position on this Amended Application **must file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by January 20, 2021.** The written comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting it. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Amended Application should be e-mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below. If e-mail is unavailable, written comments can be mailed to the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Case Comment Form" and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments by February 10, 2021.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for a formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by January 20, 2021. The Company must file any reply comments by February 10, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 34781, issued September 17, 2020. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should also be accomplished electronically. Voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16th
day of November, 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

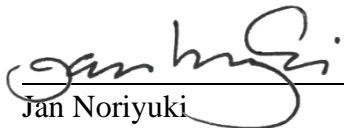


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