

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. IPC-E-19-20
OF IDAHO POWER FOR APPROVAL OF)
THE CAPACITY DEFICIENCY TO BE) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
UTILIZED FOR AVOIDED-COST) PROCEDURE
CALCULATIONS)
ORDER NO. 34598

On June 28, 2019, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) filed an Application requesting the Commission approve a first capacity deficit date of July 2029 to be used in avoided-cost calculations under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

The Company subsequently filed a letter in IPC-E-19-19 stating that the Company would need to conduct supplemental analyses to verify the accuracy of the Company’s 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”). The IRP is relevant to the Company’s first capacity deficit date. Therefore, the Commission issued a Notice of Application but stated that no further action would be taken until the Company submitted its amended 2019 IRP. Order No. 34411.

On January 31, 2020, the Company submitted its amended 2019 IRP.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Modified Procedure and establishes a deadline for comments on whether the Company must make its capacity deficiency filing when it files its IRP, or whether the Company must make its capacity deficiency filing after the Commission acknowledges its IRP. The Commission will establish procedure and timelines for processing this case after it makes the preliminary determination of when the Company should file its capacity deficiency cases.

BACKGROUND

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in Order No. 32697, Case No. GNR-E-11-03, the Commission established the requirement that Idaho utilities submit a case to determine their respective first capacity deficiency dates for the Surrogate Avoided Resource method of determining avoided-cost rates when the utilities file their IRPs.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in its Application, the Company states, “In Order No. 33159, the Commission found it just and reasonable to utilize the same first capacity deficit determination for purposes of the incremental cost IRP methodology.”

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in Order No. 33917, in PAC-E-17-09, the Commission found it reasonable to postpone the utilities' capacity deficiency date filings until after the Commission had acknowledged the Company's IRP. "We therefore amend Order No. 32697 to direct utilities to file their first capacity deficiency cases after the Commission has acknowledged their IRP reports." Order No. 33917.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Staff, in response to and consistent with Order No. 33917, recommended that the Commission dismiss the Company's filing until after acknowledgment of the Company's IRP.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requested an opportunity to respond to Staff's recommendation.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on the proper time to file the Application may file a written comment with the Commission **within 14 days of the service date of this Order**. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application may be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at 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" under the "Consumers" tab, and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Company at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons may file reply comments, if necessary, **no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.**

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 formal hearing.


ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this preliminary procedural matter regarding the Application of Idaho Power for approval of the capacity deficiency to be utilized for avoided-cost calculations be processed by modified procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons interested in submitting written comments regarding the correct time to file capacity deficit cases must do so within 14 days of the service date of this Order. Persons interested in submitting reply comments must do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission will establish a schedule for comments on the merits of the Company's Application following determination of the correct time to file.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 17th
day of March, 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

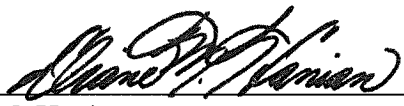


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