

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER)	CASE NO. IPC-E-20-11
COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR AN)	
ACCOUNTING ORDER FOR COSTS)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
ASSOCIATED WITH CLOUD COMPUTING)	
ARRANGEMENTS)	NOTICE OF
)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 34655

On March 9, 2020, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) applied to the Commission seeking an order (1) approving the deferral of costs associated with cloud computing arrangements to regulatory asset, and (2) acknowledging that the unamortized regulatory asset amounts are eligible for rate base treatment and the associated annual amortization expense is eligible for potential recovery in a future rate proceeding. The Company requested its Application be processed via Modified Procedure. The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting deadlines for public comments and the Company’s reply.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company’s information technology system includes on-premise solutions and cloud computing. On-premise solutions are onsite products or applications for which the Company must buy a license or copy of the software. Cloud computing is the delivery of information technology, including servers, storage, databases, networking, and software, over the internet. Based on accounting guidelines, the Company classifies investments in on-premise solutions as capital expenditures and cloud computing investments as operating expenditures, with the exception that cloud computing integration costs are capitalized.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states the current accounting treatment provides a financial disincentive for it to invest in certain cloud computing arrangements. The Company proposes to capitalize all costs associated with cost-effective cloud computing because the cloud computing investments are “equivalent to that of a traditional on-premise [information technology] solution.”

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission’s office. The Application is also

available on the Commission’s web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the “ELECTRIC” tab at the top of the home page, then select “Open Cases” and then locate and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code. The Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

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 that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .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 anyone desiring to state a position on this Application must file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission **within twenty-one (21) days from the service date on this Order**. The comment must explain why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be sent electronically, unless email is not available, to the Commission and the Company at the email addresses reflected below:

For the Idaho PUC:

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Comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via email may do so by accessing the NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Consumers" tab then 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 **within twenty-eight (28) days from the service date on 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 the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Order. The Company must file any reply comments within twenty-eight (28) days from the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties continue to comply with Order No. 34602, issued March 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.

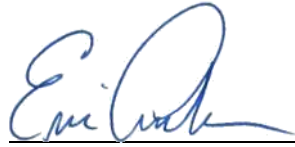
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 30th day of April 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

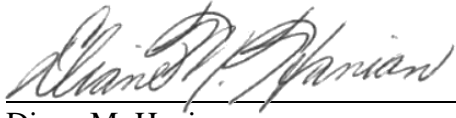


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

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Commission Secretary

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