

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER ) CASE NO. IPC-E-20-35**  
**COMPANY’S ANNUAL COMPLIANCE )**  
**FILING TO UPDATE THE LOAD AND GAS ) NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**FORECAST COMPONENTS OF THE )**  
**INCREMENTAL COST INTEGRATED ) NOTICE OF**  
**RESOURCE PLAN AVOIDED COST ) MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
**METHODOLOGY )**  
**ORDER NO. 34832**

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On October 15, 2020, Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power” or “Company”) filed an Application requesting authorization to update the load forecast, natural gas forecast, and contracts used as inputs to calculate its incremental cost Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”) avoided cost rates. The Company must update these inputs by October 15 of each year. Order Nos. 32697 and 32802. IRP avoided cost rates are available to qualifying facilities (“QFs”) able to generate above the resource-specific project eligibility cap for published avoided cost rates under Idaho’s implementation of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”).

The Commission now sets deadlines for interested persons to comment on the Application, and for Idaho Power to reply.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the load forecast included in this Application predicts lower average loads than the load forecast approved in last year’s update. Application at 2-4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power proposes to update the natural gas price forecast used in the model to reflect the most recent U.S. Energy Information Administration Natural Gas Henry Hub Spot Price: High Oil and Gas Resource and Technology forecast published on January 29, 2020. *Id.* at 4. This forecast would result in a decrease to the average annual natural gas price forecast for each year in the planning horizon compared to last year’s update. *Id.* at 4-6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power states it has three non-PURPA long-term power purchase agreements currently online for a total of 136 megawatts (“MW”) of nameplate generating capacity: Elkhorn Valley Wind at 101 MW, Raft River Geothermal at 13 MW and Neal Hot Springs Geothermal at 22 MW. *Id.* at 6. Idaho Power also notes that it has

another 120 MW of solar under contract from Jackpot Holdings, LLC, scheduled to come online in December 2022. *Id.* The Company states it has 134 PURPA contracts with a total nameplate capacity of 1,148 MW. *Id.* at 7.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that for this update, the Company states it has signed 14 replacement Energy Sales Agreements (“ESA”) totaling 18.98 MW, and one new hydro ESA for 0.8 MW. *Id.* The Company states that one 4.5 MW biomass QF ESA was terminated. *Id.* The Company states that ESA updates, including completed ESA applications, are included in the IRP model on a continuous basis. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is 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](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the “ELECTRIC” icon, select “Open Cases,” 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 and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501 to 61-503.

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 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 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 persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have 21 days from the service date of this order to file written comments.** Comments must be filed by e-mail unless e-mail is unavailable. To comment by e-mail, please access the Commission’s home page at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the “Case Comment Form” and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this

document. Comments filed by e-mail must also be e-mailed to Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. If e-mail is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at these addresses:

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**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power must file any reply comments within 28 days of 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 Idaho Power'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 21 days of the service date of this order. Idaho Power must file any reply comments within 28 days of the service date of this order.

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.

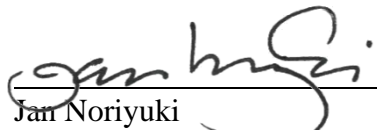
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

  
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ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

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Jan Noriyuki  
Commission Secretary

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