

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER) **CASE NO. IPC-E-21-12**
COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR A)
DETERMINATION ACKNOWLEDGING ITS) **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**
NORTH VALMY POWER PLANT EXIT)
DATE) **NOTICE OF INTERVENTION**
) **DEADLINE**
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) **ORDER NO. 35051**
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On April 30, 2021, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) applied for Commission acknowledgment that the Company’s exit date from the North Valmy Power Plant (“Valmy”) Unit 2 is appropriate based on currently available information.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and sets a deadline for interested persons to petition for intervenor status.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that to determine the appropriate timing of the Valmy Unit 2 exit, the Company asserts it “conducted focused system reliability and economic analyses...” *Id.* at 5. Regarding its system reliability analysis, the Company noted that in its Second Amended 2019 IRP the Company projected that it could exit from Valmy Unit 2 by year-end 2022. But this conclusion assumed that Valmy Unit 2 could be replaced with capacity purchases south of the Company’s service area. The Company explains that “market conditions have changed dramatically in the south because of ripple effects stemming from the energy emergency event in California in August 2020.” *Id.* at 6. The Company notes that the market has become constrained, and the Company is testing market availability with a market request for proposals. “[T]he Company will evaluate the various proposals received and supplement its filing in this case in June 2021 to inform stakeholders of proposals received.” *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that as part of the economic analysis, the Company modeled the cost of exiting Valmy Unit 2 at the end of 2022 and replacing it with a resource. The Company looked at four resource portfolios that could reasonably replace Valmy Unit 2. The Company compared the cost of each portfolio to the cost of exiting Valmy Unit 2 by year-end

2025. The Company asserts that each replacement resource portfolio option result in “costs in the range of approximately \$15.89 - \$30.78 million more than the base portfolio, the Valmy Unit 2 exit of 2025.” *Id.* at 7.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company concludes, based on its system reliability and economic analyses, that the appropriate exit date from Valmy Unit 2 is December 31, 2025. The Company asks that the Commission acknowledge this date is the appropriate exit date from Valmy Unit 2 based on the information known at this time.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company asks that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure. Additionally, the Company asks that the Commission issue a final order by September 29, 2021, thereby allowing the Company adequate time to comply with Valmy contractual obligations.

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. 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.

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 INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons who wish to intervene in this matter to obtain the rights of party (e.g., to file formal discovery, or present evidence, or cross-examine witnesses at a hearing) must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission under the Commission’s Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and .073. **Persons who wish to intervene as a party must file a Petition to Intervene no later than 21-days from the service date of this Order.** Such persons shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their e-mail address to facilitate further communications. After the intervention deadline runs, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties that identifies the parties and assigns exhibit numbers to each party. Once the Notice of Parties has issued, Commission Staff shall informally confer with

the Company and any intervening parties about how to further process this case and shall then report back to the Commission on a proposed case schedule.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons who would like to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene but may present their views by submitting written comments to the Commission.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following people are designated as the Company's representatives in this matter:

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that that persons desiring to intervene in this matter shall file a Petition to Intervene no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order. Once the deadline has passed, the Commission Secretary shall prepare and issue a Notice of Parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Notice of Parties has issued, Commission Staff shall confer with the parties regarding a procedural schedule for this matter.

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 21st day
of May 2021.



PAUL KJELLEANDER, PRESIDENT

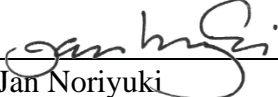


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