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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TO RECOVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE JIM BRIDGER POWER PLANT) CASE NO. IPC-E-21-17
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) COMMENTS OF MICRON
) TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Micron Technology, Inc. ("Micron"), pursuant to the Commission's Notice of Amended Application dated March 10, 2022, submits its comments regarding Idaho Power Company's ("Idaho Power") Amended Application in this proceeding.

I. Introduction

Micron is Idaho Power's largest customer and relies on Idaho Power's provision of reliable electric service at just and reasonable rates in order to effectively operate its business and remain competitive in the global marketplace. Therefore, Micron is keenly interested in all aspects of Idaho Power's cost of service and service reliability, including Idaho Power's transition away from carbon-emitting resources and the resulting rate impacts to customers. Micron also actively serves

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While reliable service at reasonable rates is a critical component of Idaho Power's electric service, Micron is also interested in the types of resources used to serve its electric load. Micron is supportive of Idaho Power's current transition to cleaner energy. In fact, Micron has established its own sustainability goals,¹ including aggressive efforts to reduce its emissions and power its operations with renewable energy. Micron has long enjoyed a productive working relationship with Idaho Power and is interested in the potential of further partnerships as Idaho Power and Micron both work toward meeting their respective clean and renewable energy goals.

II. Micron's Comments Regarding Jim Bridger Depreciation Rates

At this time, Micron does not take a specific position on Idaho Power's proposal to adjust customer rates to accelerate the depreciation schedule for all coal-related Jim Bridger Power Plant investments to allow for full depreciation and recovery by December 31, 2030. Micron reserves the right to respond to other comments as may be appropriate. However, Micron does encourage Idaho Power and the Commission to consider rate impacts of the early retirement of carbonemitting generation resources units in the broader context of Idaho Power's resource decisions and Idaho Power's resource planning process. Specifically, Micron supports Idaho Power's planned investments in renewable resources to replace retiring carbon-emitting units. Micron also is interested in working with Idaho Power, the Commission, and other stakeholders to actively support the development of additional renewable and other environmentally sensitive resource

¹ See Micron's 2021 Sustainability Report, available at <u>https://media-www.micron.com/-/media/client/global/documents/general/about/micron_sustainability-report-fy21-final.pdf?la=en&rev=e794e4d2f941464f84e9290d5f9864c8.</u>

options for Idaho. To that end, in addition to submitting these comments, Micron intends to continue to participate in the Idaho Power resource planning process and may file comments in Idaho Power's currently pending 2021 IRP case at the appropriate time.² But, in the context of this proceeding, Micron urges the Commission to consider these issues in the context of Idaho Power's energy transition and investment in new renewable resources.

III. Conclusion

Micron appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. Micron looks forward to reviewing the comments submitted by other parties and will provide responsive comments as its interests appear. Moreover, Micron will continue to engage with Idaho Power, other stakeholders, and the Commission in this proceeding, Idaho Power's 2021 IRP proceeding, and on other resource planning issues to work to examine and develop mutually beneficial resource opportunities and investments.

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Respectfully submitted April 27, 2022.

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