

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

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**DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2021**

**SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO  
INITIATE A MULTI-PHASE COLLABORATIVE PROCESS FOR THE  
STUDY OF COSTS, BENEFITS, AND COMPENSATION OF NET  
EXCESS ENERGY ASSOCIATED WITH CUSTOMER ON-SITE  
GENERATION; CASE NO. IPC-E-21-21.**

On June 28, 2021, Idaho Power Company ("Company") applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to initiate the multi-phase process for a comprehensive study of the costs and benefits of on-site generation as directed in order No. 34046.<sup>1</sup> The Company indicates its preference that a final order be issued in this case by year-end 2021 so that 2021 data can be used to complete the "study design" phase in the first half of 2022 and the "study review" phase can be initiated in June 2022. The Company requested its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

On July 27, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and set a deadline for intervention and deadline for the Company, Commission Staff, and intervening parties to confer before September 1, 2021, regarding a proposed schedule for this matter.

On September 8, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Parties giving notice of the parties to this matter that included the Company, Commission Staff, and Intervenors.

On August 30, 2021, the Company, Commission Staff, and intervening parties met and conferred regarding a proposed schedule for this matter including discussions to prepare a

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of the Application of Idaho Power Company for Authority to Establish New Schedules for Residential and Small General Service Customers with On-Site Generation*, Case No. IPC-E-17-13, Order No. 34046 at 31 (May 9, 2018).

framework to study the costs, benefits, and compensation of net excess energy associated with customer on-site generation. In the August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting the following general schedule was discussed and agreed upon by the parties:

1 – An online meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021, from 1-5 p.m. (MDT). In this meeting the parties will continue to review the initial scope of the study and to review additional items recommended by the intervening parties. Additional items to be considered for the scope of study were to be emailed to the group no later than noon on Thursday, September 16, 2021. Items emailed will be discussed during the meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**September 22, 2021, All-Party Meeting Agenda**

Opening

Review of additional items recommended by Intervenors

Processing and Scheduling

2 – On September 30, 2021, Commission Staff will file a “framework to study” formally with the Commission that will provide all parties’ scope of study viewpoints;

3 – No later than October 13, 2021, all parties may file their formal initial comments with the Commission addressing what should be in the study;

4 – Thereafter, two (2) public workshops, one by Commission Staff and the other by the Company will be scheduled and held; and

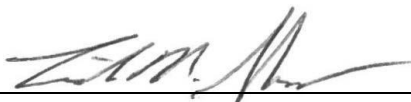
5 – Revised formal comments will be due approximately three (3) weeks following the last public workshop. These comments will contain all parties’ final position on what the study should include.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice setting an initial comment deadline of October 13, 2021, for all parties and the public.

**COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice setting an initial comment deadline of October 13, 2021? Anything else?



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