

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 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. 34046.¹ 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.

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 framework to study the costs, benefits, and compensation of net excess energy associated with

¹ *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).

customer on-site generation (“Framework to Study”). As a result of this meeting, on September 22, 2021, the Commission issued Order No. 35176 requiring all Parties and the public to file initial comments about the appropriate scope of the Framework to Study by October 13, 2021.

Also on September 22, 2021, the Company, Commission Staff, and Intervenors met and continued the work started on August 30, 2021 to develop the Framework to Study and to agree upon a schedule for this case. The Parties agreed upon the following schedule:

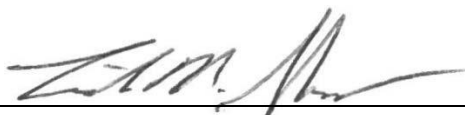
- Proposed “Framework to Study” filed with the Commission by September 30, 2021
- Initial Comments filed by the Parties and public by October 13, 2021. *See* Order 35176
- Public Workshop #1 to be conducted by the Company on October 20, at 6 PM
- Public Workshop #2 to be conducted by Staff on October 26, at 6 PM
- Public Hearing: TBD as set by the Commission
- Final Comments by November 16, 2021
- All Party Reply Comments due by November 30, 2021
- Final public comments due by November 30, 2021

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission establish the above schedule.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to establish the above schedule? Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Modified Procedure? Anything else?



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