

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A CUSTOMER SURCHARGE AND MODIFIED LINE ROUTE CONFIGURATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN THE WOOD RIVER VALLEY; CASE NO. IPC-E-21-25.

On August 6, 2021, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) petitioned the Commission for an order: 1) approving a proposed surcharge for the Company’s customers in Blaine County to pay for additional undergrounding of a previously approved transmission line; (2) approving the modifications to the line route previously approved by the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) in Order No. 33872; and (3) finding that the Commission’s findings and directives from the CPCN, Order No. 33872, as well as the order requested in this case, carries with it the express authority over any action or order of other government agencies or local governments that are in conflict with such orders of the Commission pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 67-6528. In support of the Petition, the Company filed the direct testimony of Ryan Adelman, Vice President of Power Supply, regarding the Company’s local permitting activities with Blaine County, Idaho, as well as the proposed line route and configuration; and the direct testimony of Timothy Tatum, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, regarding the proposed surcharge amounts and calculation methodology. The Company has requested that its Petition be processed by Modified Procedure.

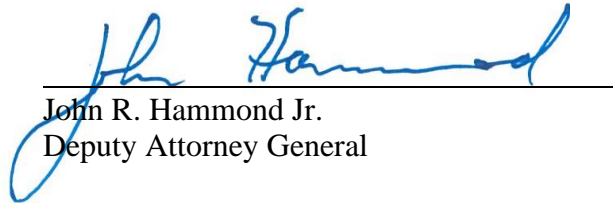
On September 2, 2021, the Commission granted intervention into this case to the Blaine County Board of County Commissioners and Kiki Leslie A. Tidwell, *pro se*. See Order No 35154.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Petition and recommends that the Commission issue a Notice of Application and set a 21-day intervention deadline. Staff also recommends that the Commission direct Staff to work informally with the parties to discuss scheduling and other matters that may arise, and for Staff to then report to the Commission with a proposed schedule.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and set a 21-day intervention deadline? Does the Commission also wish to direct Staff to work informally with the parties to discuss scheduling and other matters that may arise, and for Staff to then report to the Commission with a proposed schedule?



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