

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER)	CASE NO. IPC-E-21-38
COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR)	
MODIFICATION OF THE POWER COST)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM)	
)	NOTICE OF
)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 35233

On November 4, 2021, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) applied to the Commission seeking authorization to simplify its’ power cost adjustment (“PCA”) mechanism by replacing the “true-up” and “true-up of the true-up” components of the PCA with a balancing account—combining the two true-up components into one balancing account rate. The Company requests that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

With this Order the Commission issues notice of the Company’s Application and establishes public comment and Company reply deadlines.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission approved the implementation of the PCA on March 29, 1993, to provide consistency and stability to rates. *See* Order No. 24806, Case No. IPC-E-92-25. The PCA is a cost recovery mechanism that passes the benefits and costs of supplying energy to the Company’s customers. The Company and its shareholders do not receive any financial return on PCA filings and money collected from the surcharge can be used only to pay power supply expenses.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has approved modifications to the PCA over time to ensure the mechanism achieves its desired purpose of providing consistency and stability to rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that consistent with the Commission’s instructions in Order No. 35054, Case No. IPC-E-21-10, it held discussions with the Commission Staff (“Staff”) to review whether the PCA mechanism should be modified before the Company files next year’s PCA application in April of 2022.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the current PCA mechanism includes three separately calculated rates: (1) the forecast rate; (2) the “true-up” rate; and (3) the “true-up of the true-up” rate which is designed to ensure that the Company neither over nor under-recovers its share of the variance in net power supply expenses (“NPSE”).¹

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company proposes to replace the “true-up” and “true-up of the true-up” components of the PCA with a balancing account, as suggested in Staff Comments in the most recent PCA filing.² The Company states the two “true-up” rates would be combined into one “balancing account” rate.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that this proposed change does not affect the overall cost recovery under the PCA, except that the current mechanism with the true-up components excludes interest from the carrying charges cumulative prior month balance of the balancing account and the balancing account modification will include interest from the carrying charges cumulative prior month balance.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company’s proposed changes also necessitate modifying its rate Schedule 55 Power Cost Adjustment.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests a March 31, 2022, effective date for the proposed modification to the PCA.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company’s Filing is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission’s office. These documents are also available on the Commission’s website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the “ELECTRIC” icon, select “Open Cases,” then 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 MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified

¹ See Order No. 35054, p.1-2.

² Staff Comments at 11, Case No. IPC-E-21-10.

Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons must file written comments by December 22, 2021.** Comments must be filed through the Commission’s website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment by e-mail, please access the Commission’s home page at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the “Consumers” tab and then “Case Comment Form” and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. To file by e-mail, the customer must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by December 29, 2021.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its order

without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201 - .204). Persons must file any written comments by December 22, 2021. The Company must file any reply comments by December 29, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties should continue to comply with Order No. 35058, issued June 3, 2021. 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.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24th day of November 2021.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

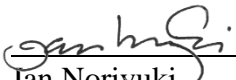


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