# **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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### IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S 2021 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

CASE NO. IPC-E-21-43 NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE ORDER NO. 35298

On December 30, 2021, Idaho Power Company ("Company") filed its 2021 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") requesting Commission acknowledgement. The IRP is the Company's biennial report on its plans to adequately and reliably serve its customers over the next 20 years through a least-cost, least-risk resource mix.

On January 19, 2022, the Company filed an update regarding the Boardman to Hemingway ("B2H") transmission line project.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline establishing a deadline for interested persons to intervene in this case.

## THE FILING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the 2021 IRP evaluates the 20-year planning period from 2021-2040. The Company's peak load is forecasted to grow 1.4% annually during this 20-year planning period for both average energy demand and peak-hour demand. Idaho Power 2021 IRP Executive Summary at 1. During the 20-year planning period, the Company expects its customers served to increase by about 40%, from 600,000 today. *Id.* The 20-year plan includes the addition of 3,790 megawatts ("MW") of new non-carbon emitting resources including wind, solar, and storage, new transmission, and 540 MW of demand-side management ("DSM") resources. *Id.* 

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company indicated the primary goals of its 2021 IRP were to: (1) identify sufficient resources to reliably serve the growing demand for energy within Idaho Power's service area throughout the 20-year planning period; (2) ensure the selected resource portfolio balances cost and risk, while including environmental considerations; (3) give balanced treatment to both supply-side resources and DSM measures; and (4) involve the public in the planning process in a meaningful way. Application at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company used an improved AURORA long-term capacity expansion approach to model a variety of supply-side and DSM resources and develop several portfolios that would provide customers with the least-cost, least-risk resource mix. Based on its modeling and analysis, the Company selected a 2021 IRP preferred portfolio.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that based on the Company's 2021 IRP preferred portfolio contains an Action Plan (2021-2027) that would (1) add 120 megawatts ("MW") of solar photovoltaic ("PV") capacity in 2022; (2) convert Jim Bridger units 1 and 2 from coal to natural gas by summer 2024; (3) seek acquisition of significant resources to meet energy and capacity needs in 2023-2027; (4) exit Jim Bridger unit 3 and Valmy unit 2 by year-end 2025; and (5) energize Boardman to Hemingway ("B2H") in 2026.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company evaluated its Action Plan under four unique future scenarios (1) rapid electrification; (2) climate change; (3) 100% clean by 2035; and (4) 100% clean by 2045.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that notable differences between the 2019 IRP preferred portfolio and the 2021 IRP preferred portfolio include an earlier exit from coal (2028 as opposed to 2030), converting Bridger coal units 1 and 2 to natural gas, approximately 2,100 MW of new wind and solar resources, 1,685 MW of storage compared to 400 MW of storage in the 2019 IRP preferred portfolio, updated demand response ("DR") programs plus 100 MW of additional DR, and additional energy efficiency.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's January 19, 2022 B2H update described the non-binding term sheet entered between the Company, PacifiCorp, and Bonneville Power Administration ("BPA") that addresses ownership roles and operations and asset exchanges. Notably, under the term sheet, the Company will assume BPA's prior ownership interest for a total ownership interest of 45% and PacifiCorp will own the remaining 55%. The term sheet provides updated details of the capacity rights. The Company and PacifiCorp agreed to construct a B2H midline series capacitor substation. The term sheet describes the ownership and operation of the proposed BPA Longhorn substation The term sheet also spells out the agreed upon asset exchange terms for several transmission lines between PacifiCorp and the Company.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also

available on the Commission's web site at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u>. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, then select "Electric Cases" and 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 INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons who wish to intervene in this matter to obtain the rights of party (e.g., to file formal discovery, or present evidence, or cross-examine witnesses at a hearing) must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission under the Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and .073. **Persons who wish to intervene as a party must file a Petition to Intervene no later than 21-days from the service date of this Order**. Such persons shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their e-mail address to facilitate further communications. After the intervention deadline runs, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties that identifies the parties and assigns exhibit numbers to each party. Once the Notice of Parties has issued, Commission Staff shall informally confer with the Company and any intervening parties about how to further process this case and shall then report back to the Commission on a proposed case schedule.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons who would like to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene but may present their views by submitting written comments to the Commission.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following people are designated as the Company's representatives in this matter:

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#### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter shall file a Petition to Intervene no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order. Once the deadline has passed, the Commission Secretary shall prepare and issue a Notice of Parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Notice of Parties has issued, Commission Staff shall confer with the parties regarding a procedural schedule for this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2022.

ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

JOHN CHATBURN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jan Noriyuki Commission Secretary

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