## **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

TO: COMMISSIONER ANDERSON

COMMISSIONER CHATBURN COMMISSIONER HAMMOND COMMISSION SECRETARY

**COMMISSION STAFF** 

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**DATE:** MARCH 8, 2022

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S 2021 INTEGRATED

RESOURCE PLAN; CASE NO. IPC-E-21-43.

On December 30, 2021, Idaho Power Company ("Company") filed its 2021 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") requesting Commission acknowledgement. The Company states the primary goals of its "2021 IRP are 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 (2021-2040); (2) ensure the selected resource portfolio balances cost and risk, while including environmental considerations; (3) give balanced treatment to both supply-side resources and demand-side measures; and (4) involve the public in the planning process in a meaningful way." Application at 3.

Based on the Company's preferred portfolio, the IRP contains a Short-term Action Plan 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 through 2027; (4) exit Jim Bridger unit 3 and Valmy unit 2 by year-end 2025; and (5) energize Boardman to Hemingway ("B2H") in 2026.

On January 21, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and established an intervention deadline for interested parties. Order No. 35298. Order No. 35298 directed Staff to confer with the parties regarding the procedural schedule after the Notice of Parties was issued. Clean Energy Opportunities for Idaho ("CEO"), Industrial Customers of Idaho Power ("ICIP"), Idaho Conservation League ("ICL"), Micron Technology ("Micron"), Stop B2H Coalition

("STOP"), and Kiki Tidwell intervened in this matter. Order Nos. 35305, 35315, 35319, and 35325. On February 23, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Parties.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

After conferring with the parties in this case, Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a June 2, 2022, public comment deadline and a June 30, 2022, Company reply deadline.

## **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a June 2, 2022, public comment deadline and a June 30, 2022, Company reply deadline?

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