

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER)	CASE NO. IPC-E-22-22
COMPANY’S APPLICATION TO)	
COMPLETE THE STUDY REVIEW PHASE)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
OF THE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF)	
COSTS AND BENEFITS OF ON-SITE)	NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
CUSTOMER GENERATION & FOR)	DEADLINE
AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES)	
TO SCHEDULES 6, 8, AND 84)	ORDER NO. 35464
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On June 30, 2022, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) applied to the Commission requesting the Commission commence the study review phase of the multi-phase collaborative process being undertaken by the Company to study the costs, benefits, and compensation of net excess energy associated with customer on-site generation. In support of its Application, the Company filed the Direct Testimony of Grant T. Anderson, Regulatory Consultant at the Company; the Value of Distributed Energy Resources (“VODER”) study and appendices (“Study”); and a customer notice and bill insert.

With this Order, the Commission provides notice of the Company’s Application and sets a deadline for interested parties to intervene.

BACKGROUND

The Company offers net-metering programs under which customers can generate electricity to meet their own demand and export any excess electricity back to the Company’s grid in exchange for an energy credit that can offset the customer’s monthly energy consumption. Currently, customers who wish to install on-site generation can interconnect an exporting system under the terms of Schedule 6, Residential Service On-Site Generation, Schedule 8, Small General Service On-Site Generation, and Schedule 84, Commercial, Industrial, and Irrigation. Application at 4.

The Company has previously sought Commission approval to modify its net metering program to better align the costs and benefits. *See, e.g.*, Case No. IPC-E-17-13, Order No. 34046 (directing the Company to initiate a docket to study aspects of net metering); Case No. IPC-E-18-15, Order No. 34509 (rejecting the Company’s, Staff’s, and other parties’ compromise on the elements of the Company’s net-metering program and directing the Company to file a “credible

and fair study” of the costs and benefits of distributed on-site generation); Case No. IPC-E-20-26, Order No. 34854 (defining legacy treatment for existing Schedule 84 systems).

Most recently, the Commission, in Case No. IPC-E-21-21, Order No. 35284, approved a study framework for the Company to use to analyze the costs and benefits of on-site generation. The Commission directed the Company to use the most current and available data and “in 2022 as soon as feasible” submit a study to be reviewed by interested persons and parties. Order No. 35284 at 10, 32.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the Study it has now filed complies with previous Commission directives and “addresses the following topics: (1) measurement interval; (2) export credit rate; (3) frequency of export credit rate updates; (4) compensation structure; (5) class cost-of service; (6) recovering export credit rate expenditures; (7) project eligibility cap; (8) other areas of study; and (9) implementation considerations including transitional rates and administrative and communication materials.” Application at 10-11. The Company anticipates recommendations on changes to its on-site generation service offerings in the following areas: (1) compensation structure; (2) frequency of updates; (3) recovery of export credit expenditures; (4) project eligibility cap; and (5) transitional rates. *Id.* at 15.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests the Commission (1) establish a formal process for the public and other parties to comment on the Study, and (2) issue an order declaring that the Study complies with previous Commission directives and directing modifications to the Company’s on-site generation service offerings.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests a final Commission order on its Application by December 30, 2022. The Company requests that any Commission-approved changes to its on-site generation service offerings based on the study review phase be implemented at least five months after the date of the Commission’s final order (June 1, 2023). *Id.* at 17.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, the Study, the customer notice and bill insert, and supporting testimony have been filed with the Commission and are 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,” and 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 INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter to obtain parties’ rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this 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 after the date of service of this Order.** Such persons shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their email 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 do not have 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 must 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 including, if necessary, a hearing in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, 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 14th day of July 2022.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

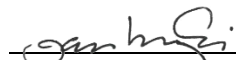


JOHN CHATBURN, COMMISSIONER

//Abstain due to potential conflict//

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