

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: MARCH 28, 2023

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOARDMAN-TO-HEMMINGWAY 500-KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT; CASE NO. IPC-E-23-01.

On January 9, 2023, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) filed an application (“Application”) requesting an order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) for Energy Gateway Segment H, the Boardman-to-Hemingway 500-kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line (“B2H” or “Project”). The Company will co-own B2H with Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (“RMP”), which recently filed its own CPCN application for the Project in Case No. PAC-E-23-01.

On February 1, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 35674. On February 21, 2023, the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, Inc., the Idaho Industrial Customers of Idaho Power, and the city of Boise petitioned to intervene. Subsequently, on March 3, 2023, Micron Technology, Inc., and the Idaho Conservation League also petition to intervene. The Commission granted intervention to all parties. Order Nos. 35685 and 35695 respectively. On March 8, 2023, the Commission Secretary issued a Notice of Parties.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION


Staff has contacted the parties in this case and Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Notice of Schedule and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a May 23, 2023, Staff and Intervenor comment deadline, and a June 6, 2023, Company reply comment deadline.

Further, Staff recommends that the Commission direct Staff to conduct one or more Public Workshops at dates and times to be determined in a later Commission Order.

Finally, Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Scheduling Order for one or more Public Customer Hearings at dates and times to be set by the Commission in its order.

COMMISSION DECISION

1. Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Schedule and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a May 23, 2023, Staff and Intervenor comment deadline, and a June 6, 2023, Company reply comment deadline?
2. Does the Commission wish to direct Staff to conduct one or more Public Workshops at dates and times to be determined in a later Commission Order?
3. Does the Commission wish to issue a Scheduling Order for one or more Public Customer Hearings at dates and times to be set by the Commission in its Order?



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