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NEWS RELEASE: Commission schedules online public workshops on transmission line project

BOISE – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host public workshops on April 17 and April 19 to share information on applications from two electric utilities that have applied for permits to build a 500-kilovolt transmission line.

Rocky Mountain Power and Idaho Power have applied for certificates of public convenience and necessity as part of the process to build the Boardman-to-Hemingway transmission line, which they will co-own. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is a permit granted to a utility that allows it to provide service to a new geographic area, enter into a franchise agreement, build and operate a new facility or build an extension of an existing facility. The permit covers activities that are outside of a utility's usual course of business.

Rocky Mountain Power said the transmission line is needed to create lower-cost and more reliable electricity transmission service for its growing customer load and to avoid spending more for higher-cost generation and transmission resources.

Idaho Power said population and business growth in the region are increasing demand for electricity, and existing transmission lines can't carry additional electricity when it is most needed.

The workshop for Idaho Power's application will be Monday, April 17. Staff with the public utilities commission will present information on the application and answer questions. It will start at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and end at 9:00 p.m., or after questions from the public have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2454 319 4150 when prompted. Next, enter this numeric password: 66632963. To participate online, please visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2454 319 4150. Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: MondayMeeting. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

The workshop for Rocky Mountain Power’s application will be Wednesday, April 19. Staff with the commission will present information on the application and answer questions. It will start at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and end at 9:00 p.m., or after all questions from the public have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2459 471 9482 when prompted. Next, enter this numeric password: 93363732. To participate online, please visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2459 471 9482. Then, click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter the password WednesdayMeeting. Next, please click on the green “Join Webinar” button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the “Next” button. Then click on the green “Join Webinar” button.

Those interested in attending either workshop in-person can do so at the commission’s office, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise.

The transmission line, once built, will be approximately 300 miles long and cross five counties in Oregon. It will connect to Idaho Power’s existing Hemingway Substation in Owyhee County in Idaho.

The commission is accepting written comments on both applications until May 25, 2023. To submit comments on Rocky Mountain Power’s application online, please visit the commission’s homepage at puc.idaho.gov. Click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page and complete the form using Case Number PAC-E-23-01. To file by e-mail, comments should be sent to the commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is not available, comments may be mailed to the commission and the utility at these addresses:

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For additional information on the utilities' applications, please visit:
puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6980 or puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6975.