

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER) CASE NO. IPC-E-23-10
COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR A)
DETERMINATION OF 2022 DEMAND-SIDE)
MANAGEMENT EXPENSES AS) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
PRUDENTLY INCURRED)
) NOTICE OF
) INTERVENTION DEADLINE
)
) ORDER NO. 35742
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On March 15, 2023, Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power” or “Company”) requested the Commission determine it prudently incurred \$39,896,437 in demand-side management (“DSM”) incentives in 2022. Application at 1-2.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and sets deadlines by which interested persons may intervene.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company reports it spent \$31,585,110 on Idaho Energy Efficiency Rider (“Rider”) funds and \$8,311,328 on demand response program incentives funded through base rates and tracked annually through the Power Cost Adjustment mechanism. *Id.* at 1-2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company reports it saved 169,889 Megawatt hours (“MWh”) from its energy efficiency programs including 24,448 MWh savings through the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (“NEEA”). *Id.* at 3-4, 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company reports it “utilized all or portions of its three demand response programs: A/C Cool Credit, Flex Peak Program, and Irrigation Peak Rewards.” *Id.* at 3. The Company reports it saved 200 MWh of the available 312 MWh using these three demand response programs in 2022. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company reports energy savings of “28,525 MWh from the residential sector, 109,960 MWh from the commercial and industrial sector, and 6,955 MWh from the irrigation sector.” *Id.* at 6. In 2022, the total savings increased by 26,988 MWh compared to 2021 savings. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company’s Application also included the DSM 2022 Annual Report. Supplement 1 to the DSM 2022 Annual Report shows the results of the cost-effectiveness tests for each program and Supplement 2 contains program evaluations and customer surveys and reports.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that its 2022 DSM Rider spending increased 13% compared to 2021 “due to the increase in large projects participating in the Commercial & Industrial (“C&I”) Program Custom Projects, New Construction, and Retrofits options with total expenses in those three options amounting to \$16,301,141 or \$1,925,959 more compared to 2021.” *Id.* at 8.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that it evaluated the cost-effectiveness of its DSM under the three benefit/cost methods: Utility Cost Test (“UCT”), Total Resource Cost (“TRC”), and a Participant Cost Test (“PCT”). *Id.* at 11; DSM 2022 Annual Report.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company reports its energy efficiency portfolio achieved a UCT ratio of 2.02, a TRC ratio of 1.43, and a PCT ratio of 2.01. *Id.*; DSM 2022 Annual Report at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests adjustments for prior years that were charged to the Oregon Rider, including (1) \$1,044 in the Commercial & Industrial program in 2021, (2) \$1,365 in the Residential New Construction program in 2021, and (3) \$7,260 in the Small Business Direct Install (“SBDI”)—a duplicate transaction reversed in 2022. *Id.* at 8-9.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests current year adjustments of (1) \$6,998 in Commercial and Industrial Overheads that should have been charged to O&M; (2) \$1,289 in the Residential Energy Efficiency Education that should have been charged to the Rider; and (3) a reduction of \$89,680 in program administrative fees that were refunded in 2023. *Id.* at 9.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests \$3,381,085 for 2022 DSM labor expenses, which it represents are within the authorized labor cost cap. *Id.* at 10.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documentation 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 click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over the Company, its filing, and the issues pertaining to this case pursuant to 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 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072-073. **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.** Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation do not have to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the Notice of Parties is issued, Commission Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss a schedule to process this case and other issues as may be raised by the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons 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 case for the purpose of obtaining parties' rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Secretary issues a Notice of Parties, Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss the appropriate scheduling of this case.

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 April 2023.


ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jan Noriyuki
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