

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER)	CASE NO. IPC-E-23-31
COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR AN)	
ORDER APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CERTAIN ASSETS ASSOCIATED WITH)	
TRANSMISSION PLANT HELD FOR)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
FUTURE USE)	PROCEDURE
)	
)	NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC
)	PUBLIC HEARING
)	
)	ORDER NO. 36025

On November 8, 2023, Idaho Power Company ("Company"), applied for an order approving the transfer of an approximately 1.227-acre strip of former railroad line in Valley County, Idaho, to a private party. The Company asserts that the proposed transfer complies with *Idaho Code* § 61-328.

The Company requests that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure. At the Commission's December 5, 2023, Staff recommended that the Commission issue a Notice of Application, set a public customer hearing per *Idaho Code* § 61-328, and set deadlines for written comments. We now issue Notice of the Company's Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, and set a public telephonic hearing.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represents that it obtained approximately 90 acres of abandoned railroad line in Valley County, Idaho, from the Union Pacific Railroad in 1985.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the proposed transfer at issue in this case would result in the Company conveying the 1.227-acre strip of the former railroad line to adjacent private landowners, with the Company retaining a powerline easement over the entire parcel.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the proposed sale price of \$2,000 is the market value of the property.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the proposed transaction satisfies *Idaho Code* § 61-328 because it will relieve the Company of maintenance costs related to the parcel without relinquishing the right to use it for a transmission corridor in the future while simultaneously conveying the parcel to individuals who intend to farm or otherwise maintain it.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and a copy of the Asset Purchase Agreement have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. The Application and attachments are also available on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "ELECTRIC" tab, select "Open Cases," and then locate and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission **by January 18, 2024**. The written comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting it. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application must be sent electronically unless computer access is unavailable. To comment by electronically, please access the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. Comments filed by e-mail must also be e-mailed to the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If e-mail is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

For the Idaho PUC:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, by no later than **January 25, 2024**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

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, and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502 and 61-503. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure contemplate that a case will be processed by written submissions without the need for a public hearing. However, the Commission finds good cause to schedule a public hearing in this case because *Idaho Code* § 61-328, requires it.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a public telephonic public hearing in this matter on **JANUARY 5, 2024, AT 11:00 A.M. (Mountain Standard Time)**. The purpose of the public hearing is to take testimony from members of the public and customers of the Company. To participate, interested persons can call **1-415-655-0001** shortly before the designated time, and enter the **meeting number 2634 051 1085** when prompted. Those planning

to testify are encouraged to start calling in to the hearing at about 10:45 a.m. (Mountain Standard Time) on January 5, 2024.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the telephonic hearing will meet accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance to participate in or to understand testimony at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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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.*

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the deadline for written public comments is January 18, 2024, and the deadline for the Company to file a reply, if any, is January 25, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a telephonic public hearing be held on the Company's Application on **Friday, January 5, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. (Mountain Standard Time)**.

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 15th day of December 2023.


ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Monica Barrios-Sanchez
Interim Commission Secretary