

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER) CASE NO. IPC-E-24-02
COMPANY’S ANNUAL COMPLIANCE)
FILING TO UPDATE THE SUBSTATION) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
ALLOWANCE UNDER SCHEDULE 19,)
LARGE POWER SERVICE) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)
) NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF
) PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
)
) ORDER NO. 36065

On December 29, 2023, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) filed Tariff Advice No. IPC-TAE-23-03 proposing an update to the Substation Allowance outlined in Schedule 19, Large Power Service, as required by Order Nos. 32893 and 32914. The Company requested the allowance update become effective February 1, 2024. To allow additional time to review the Company’s proposal and public comments, Staff recommended that the Commission treat the tariff advice as an application (“Application”) and process the case by Modified Procedure.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application, Notice of Modified Procedure, and Notice of Suspension of Proposed Effective Date.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will treat the Company’s filing as an Application rather than a tariff advice. *See* Commission Rule of Procedure 134.02.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the updated Substation Allowance reflects updated material costs, labor rates, and the overhead rate of the stations.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company proposes decreasing the Substation Allowance amount from \$79,444 to \$71,006—an approximately 11 percent reduction.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the primary drivers of this decrease are lower costs of 4-unit metalclad switchgear and a reduction in the stations’ overhead rate from 6.57 percent to 4.7 percent.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company’s Application includes a clean version of the Company’s current Schedule 19 tariff sheet and a copy of the proposed Schedule 19 tariff sheet in legislative form.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company’s Application and Attachments 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,” 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 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 it will review the case through written submissions under the Commission’s Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201-204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. 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 explaining why they support or oppose the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until February 22, 2024, to file written comments.** Comments must be filed through the Commission’s website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment 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.

To file by e-mail, persons must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and all parties at the e-mail addresses listed below. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

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If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and the parties at the addresses below. Persons submitting a comment by mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **no later than February 29, 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.

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requested a February 1, 2024, effective date. The Commission finds that the proposed effective date does not provide adequate time for Commission Staff and interested persons to evaluate the Company's proposal. Pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-622, the Commission suspends the changes proposed in the Application until March 15, 2024, or until the Commission enters an order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the proposed changes.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission will treat the Company's Tariff Advice No. IPC-TAE-23-03 as an Application. *See* Commission Rule of Procedure 134.02.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so no later than February 22, 2024. The Company must file any reply comments no later than February 29, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proposed effective date for the Company's proposed increase Substation Allowance is suspended until March 15, 2024, pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-622(4), unless the Commission issues an earlier order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the Application.

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 22nd day of January 2024.


ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

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Monica Barrios-Sanchez
Commission Secretary

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