

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER ) CASE NO. IPC-E-24-37**  
**COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR )**  
**MODIFICATIONS TO THE COMPANY’S ) NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**IRRIGATION DEMAND RESPONSE )**  
**PROGRAM, SCHEDULE 23 AND ) NOTICE OF INTERVENTION**  
**COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL DEMAND ) DEADLINE**  
**RESPONSE PROGRAM, SCHEDULE 82 )**  
**ORDER NO. 36370**  
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On September 30, 2024, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for an order granting revisions to its Schedule 23, Irrigation Peak Rewards Program (“Schedule 23” or “Peak Rewards”) and its Schedule 82, Flex Peak Program (“Schedule 82” or “Flex Peak”) (“Application”). Due to the Company’s desire to implement these proposed changes before the Demand Response season begins on June 15, 2025, the Company asked for the Commission order to be issued by January 31, 2025. The Company requested that this case be processed via Modified Procedure.

With this Order, the Commission provides notice of the Company’s Application and sets a deadline for interested parties to intervene.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2009, the Company instituted Schedule 82, under which eligible commercial and industrial customers that can offer load reduction of at least 20 kilowatts can either manually or, via Load Control Devices (“LCDs”), automatically reduce their nominated load when the Company calls Load Control Events. Schedule 82 participants then receive an incentive payment based upon their performance in delivering their nominated load reduction during Load Control Events. According to the Company, the purpose of this program is to address large system capacity deficits of short duration. Schedule 23 was approved by the Commission on January 23, 2024, pursuant to Order No. 36067 and allows the Company to turn off specific irrigation pipes for customers receiving service under Schedule 24 (Agricultural Irrigation Service) in exchange for financial incentives.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company stated that the proposed changes to Schedules 23 and 82 are meant to increase transparency and participant satisfaction. The Company noted that proposed versions of these schedules can be found in Attachments 1 and 2 of the Company's Application.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company proposed changing the variable payment so that it begins on the fourth event rather than the fifth event. Because there are required to be a minimum of three events per season, the Company stated that beginning the variable payments after the three minimum events would provide greater clarity to customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company proposed an Early Interruption option to Schedule 23 ("Early Interruption"). Early Interruption would allow customers who wanted to participate, but also desire a cut-off time of 9:00 p.m., to participate at a reduced rate. (The Extended Interruption option in Schedule 23 can last until 11:00 p.m.) The Company stated that the increased flexibility provided by offering Early Interruption would allow for fuller participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company proposed adding clarifying language to Group C of Schedule 23. This would allow participants who rely on manual dispatch to have up to two hours to turn off other locations that cannot be turned off simultaneously. The Company also proposed adding clarifying language to its emergency dispatch section of its Uniform Irrigation Peak Rewards Service Application/Agreement.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company proposed adding an incentive to Schedule 82 for participants who chose to use LCDs. This reimbursement would be the lesser of \$1,500 or the cost of installation. The Company stated that more customers using such LCDs would increase the reliability of the program.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company proposed changing the adjusted baseline cap to 110% "of the highest hour usage in the prior 10 days" and explained the benefits and rationale of this approach. Application at 9.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company proposed adding provisions to allow for "Day-of" Adjustment ("DOA") modifications where a participant fully or partially shuts down the facility during a DOA hour. The Company stated that it also wanted to add flexibility to the

participant nomination process by allowing it to be based on more current information. The Company stated that this would be done by Flex Peak program participants to “nominate how many [kilowatt-hours] they can reduce their load by” with compensation being based upon their ability to fulfill their nomination. *Id.* at 11. This new process would allow nominations to go into effect the next day, whereas the current system doesn’t allow nominations to go into effect until next week or longer.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company stated that the proposed changes are minor and that most modifications would not change the costs of the Peak Rewards or Flex Peak programs. The Company affirmed that it would be able to keep both programs cost-effective. The Company also stated that it had coordinated with the relevant stakeholders regarding the proposed changes.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, proposed tariffs, 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](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the “ELECTRIC” icon, select “Open Cases,” and 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 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 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.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.** Such persons shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their email address to facilitate further communications. After the intervention deadline runs, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties that identifies the parties and assigns exhibit numbers to each party. Once the Notice of Parties has issued, Commission

Staff shall informally confer with the Company and any intervening parties about how to further process this case and shall then report back to the Commission on a proposed case schedule.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons who would like to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination do not have to intervene but may present their views by submitting written comments to the Commission.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following people are designated as the Company's representatives in this matter:

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#### **ORDER**

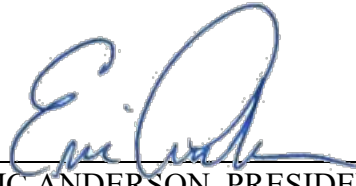
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter must file a Petition to Intervene no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order. Once the deadline has passed, the Commission Secretary shall prepare and issue a Notice of Parties.

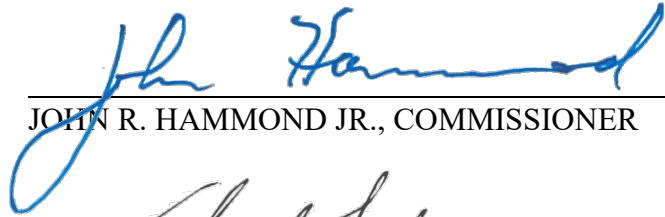
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Notice of Parties has issued, Commission Staff shall confer with the parties regarding a procedural schedule for this matter including, if necessary, a hearing in this matter.

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.

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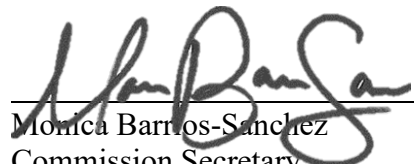
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

  
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ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

  
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JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

  
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EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Monica Barros-Sanchez  
Commission Secretary

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