

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) CASE NO. IPC-E-25-05**  
**OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR )**  
**REVIEW OF THE COMPANY’S CURRENT ) NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN AND )**  
**AUTHORIZATION TO DEFER NEWLY ) NOTICE OF**  
**IDENTIFIED INCREMENTAL WILDFIRE ) INTERVENTION DEADLINE**  
**MITIGATION COSTS )**  
**ORDER NO. 36494**

On February 13, 2025, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) filed an application (“Application”) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting an order authorizing the Company to defer newly identified costs associated with the Company’s expanded wildfire mitigation efforts, as detailed in the Company’s 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (“WMP”). Application at 1.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represents it has reviewed its wildfire mitigation efforts and identified several new and expanded actions to further reduce wildfire risk. *Id.* at 17. The Company requests to defer approximately \$23.2 million in incremental O&M expenses associated with new or expanded wildfire mitigation efforts.

**Table 1. Forecast of Idaho Power System New Incremental O&M Expenditures Related to Wildfire Mitigation, 2025 (\$000s)**

	2025
<b>Quantifying Wildland Fire Risk</b>	
Dynamic Risk Modeling Tools	\$ 2,030
<b>Situational Awareness</b>	
Weather Forecasting - System development and support	\$ 215
Drone Beyond Visual Line of Sight Waiver	\$ 120
Aerial Drone Inspection Pilot Project	\$ 214
Standby Helicopter Service	\$ 358
<b>Wildfire Program &amp; Personnel</b>	
Wildfire Team Program Labor	\$ 618
Patrolmen for Wildfire Safety Inspections	\$ 253
PSPS and Event Management Support	\$ 188
<b>Vegetation Management</b>	
Transition to/Maintain 3-year Vegetation Management Cycle	\$ 18,522
Enhanced Practices for Distribution Red & Yellow Risk Zones (Pre-Fire Season Patrols/Mitigation, Pole Clearing, Removals, Work QA)	\$ 715
<b>Forecast New Incremental O&amp;M Expenditures Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,233</b>

*Id.* at 8. The Company states that these estimates are measured on a system-wide basis, but the Company is only seeking to defer the Idaho jurisdictional share of new incremental expenses. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests that the Commission confirm the Company's current authority to defer incremental vegetation management and insurance costs as measured from a 2022 cost base, and authorize the Company to defer, for later ratemaking treatment, the Idaho jurisdictional share of the newly identified incremental O&M costs associated with the actions and measures identified in the Application, beginning January 1, 2025. *Id.* at 17.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application has been filed with the Commission and is 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 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, and 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 twenty-one (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 (“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, under Rules 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-073, no later than twenty-one (21) days after 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.

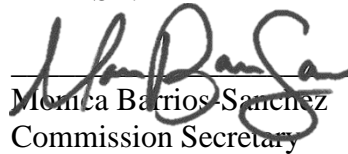
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

  
EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

  
JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

  
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ATTEST:

  
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Commission Secretary

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