

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. IPC-E-25-13
OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TO RECOVER)
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HELLS) NOTICE OF
CANYON COMPLEX RELICENSING) INTERVENTION DEADLINE
PROJECT)
) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
) PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 36535

On March 14, 2025, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting an order authorizing an adjustment to customer rates of \$29,708,787, effective June 1, 2025, to recover incremental Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (“AFUDC”) costs associated with the Hells Canyon Complex (“HCC”) relicensing project, contingent upon the outcome of the Power Cost Adjustment (“PCA”) update to be filed April 15, 2025 (“Application”). Application at 1-2.

The Company represents that the HCC consists of three hydroelectric projects, Brownlee, Oxbow, and Hells Canyon, on the segment of the Snake River forming the border between Idaho and Oregon, approximately 90 miles northwest of Boise. *Id.* at 2. The Company states that the HCC represents approximately 1,167 megawatts (“MW”) of nameplate generation capacity, which is approximately 30 percent of the Company’s total generating capacity. *Id.*

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represents that its efforts towards relicensing the HCC have spanned over three decades, beginning in 1991. *Id.* at 2-3. The Company represents that it began incurring relicensing costs in 1999, and that the Company records the accumulation of all costs associated with the construction of an asset, including the cost of financing the construction expenditures, or AFUDC, in FERC Account 107-Construction Work in Progress (“CWIP”). *Id.* at 4. The Company states that once the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission (“FERC”) issues a new license, the Company can transfer accrued amounts to Electric Plant-in Service. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that *Idaho Code* § 61-502A allows for CWIP to be included in rates if the Commission makes an “explicit finding that the public interest will be served thereby.” *Id.* at 5. The Company states that in Order Nos. 30722 and 32426, the Commission authorized the Company to annually collect \$6,520,122¹ in AFUDC associated with the HCC relicensing project from the Company’s Idaho jurisdictional customers. *Id.* The Company represents that since 2022, the Company has recorded over \$30 million annually in AFUDC. *Id.* at 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company proposes to increase customer rates by \$29,708,7873 annually to recover incremental HCC relicensing AFUDC amounts, provided that the anticipated upcoming decrease to rates associated with the PCA to be filed on April 15, 2025, is equal to, or greater than the amount it proposes to increase rates in this case. *Id.* at 7. The Company indicates that if the PCA decrease is less than the proposed increase associated with AFUDC collections, the Company will adjust its request in this case so that the net of the two proposals would result in a net neutral rate impact to customers. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that an increase to the amount of AFUDC collections now will reduce the total project costs ultimately included in rate base, thereby reducing future rate increases. *Id.*

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. 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.*

¹ Revised to \$6,537,444 by Commission Order No. 36042.

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.

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 the Commission's Rules of Procedure 201-204, 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 matter may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments and explain why written comments alone are insufficient. **Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by May 9, 2025.** 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 <http://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.

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 **by May 16, 2025.**

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 final 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.

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 the matter be processed by Modified Procedure. Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by May 9, 2025. The Company must file any reply comments by May 16, 2025.

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 9th day of April 2025.



EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT



JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



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