

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S 2025 VARIABLE ENERGY RESOURCE INTEGRATION STUDY AND PROPOSED UPDATE TO SCHEDULE 87

) **CASE NO. IPC-E-25-36**
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 NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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On December 26, 2025, Idaho Power Company (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of the Company’s proposed Schedule 87, Intermittent Generation Integration Charges (“Schedule 87”), updated rates, effective February 1, 2026, for which the Company’s 2025 Variable Energy Resource (“VER”) Integration Study (“2025 VER Study”) was the basis of, and acknowledgement that the Company complied with the Commission’s directives in Order No. 36661.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company was directed by the Commission to work with Commission Staff (“Staff”) prior to the next VER study to resolve any outstanding issues cited in Staff’s Comments in Case No. IPC-E-25-07, and to file a new VER study within 6 months after the filing of each Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”). Order No. 36661.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company stated that it met with Staff on June 23, 2025, and July 2, 2025, to resolve Staff’s issues cited in Case No. IPC-E-25-07. Application at 4. The Company believed that at the end of the discussions, both Staff and the Company mostly agreed on the methodology to be used as part of the 2025 VER Study. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company stated that the 2025 VER Study methodology was developed by modifying the 2024 VER Study methodology to align with the additions and modifications suggested by Staff. *Id.* at 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company included the 2025 VER Study as Attachment 1 to the Application.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the 2025 VER Study builds on the preferred portfolio and regulating reserve requirements established in the Company's most recently filed IRP. *Id.* at 7.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company utilized Energy Exemplar's Aurora model to quantify the cost of integrating non-dispatchable resources by modeling the regulating reserves required to maintain system reliability, expressed as up-regulation and down-regulation ancillary services. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that to isolate the incremental impact of additional VERs, the Company evaluated four use cases consisting of 100 megawatts ("MW") and 200 MW additions of solar and wind generation, with block sizes informed by prior consultation with the Technical Review Committee ("TRC") and Staff. *Id.* Each incremental resource was modeled as a must-take addition to the 2025 IRP preferred portfolio to reflect Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act ("PURPA") obligations, and integration costs were calculated by comparing modeled outcomes with and without ancillary services across base and incremental resource cases. *Id.* at 8.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company believed that the resulting analysis supported Schedule 87 integration charges for up to 200 MW each of incremental wind and solar, which were determined to be reasonable based on TRC consultation and the Company's commitment to update the VER study and associated charges following each IRP filing. *Id.* The Company stated that this update cadence was intended to ensure that integration costs remain current and reflective of actual VER penetration levels and the rapidly evolving resource and load growth environment. *Id.* at 9.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company included the proposed Schedule 87 as Attachment 2 to the Application.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and attachments 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" 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.*

SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

The Company filed its Application on December 26, 2025, proposing a February 1, 2026, effective date. The Commission finds that the Company's proposed effective date does not provide adequate time for Staff, and interested persons, to evaluate the Company's proposal. Pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-622, the Commission suspends the proposed changes for thirty (30) days and five (5) months or until the Commission enters an order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the proposed rate increases.

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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 twenty-one (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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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's proposed effective date of February 1, 2026, is suspended for thirty (30) days plus five (5) months or until the Commission enters an earlier order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the proposed rate increases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter must file a Petition to Intervene no later than twenty-one (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.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 21st day of January, 2026.


EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


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ATTEST:


Monica Barrios-Sanchez
Commission Secretary

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