



# PUBLIC WORKSHOP

## Rocky Mountain Power

Application to increase its rates and charges in Idaho

CASE NO. PAC-E-21-07

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

October 13, 2021, 6:00PM

# INTRODUCTIONS

**Adam Rush – Public Information Officer**

**Kathy Stockton – Senior Auditor**

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# IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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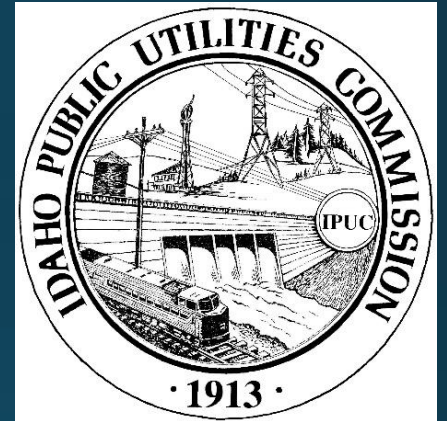
The Commission regulates Idaho's investor-owned utilities, ensuring adequate service and reasonable rates.

The Commission is made up of three commissioners appointed by the Governor.

The Commission makes the decisions in each case.

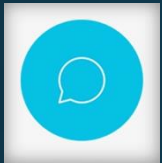
Commission Staff is made up of Auditors, Consumer Advocates, Engineers & Technical Analysts.

Commission Staff is a party in all filed cases and provides comments and recommendations to the Commissioners.



# PARTICIPATION

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# BACKGROUND

## Rocky Mountain Power

- Serving customers in 14 counties in southeast Idaho, including the cities of Rexburg, Preston, Shelley, and Montpelier.
- Part of PacifiCorp, which also provides electric service in Utah, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, and California

# BACKGROUND

Rocky Mountain Power in Idaho serves approximately:

- 69,000 residential customers
- 6,000 irrigation customers
- 10,000 commercial customers
- 600 industrial customers (use half of the state load)
- 300 street lighting customers

# APPLICATION

Rocky Mountain Power request:

- Filed May 27, 2021
- \$19 million (7%) increase to its revenue requirement
  - Average residential customer: \$10.32/month increase
- July 1, 2021 effective date
  - PUC suspended effective date to January 1, 2022
- First general rate case filed since 2011
  - Rates have changed since due to changing power costs, efficiency tariffs, tax cuts, etc.

# APPLICATION

Total Idaho Revenue Requirement of \$290.5 million reflects:

- \$86.4 million in 2020 net power costs (down 8% from 2016)
- \$4 billion new plant investments across its system
  - This investment is depreciated over time, using depreciation rates set in PUC Case No. PAC-E-18-08
- RMP is seeking a 10.2% return on equity
  - RMP is currently authorized a 9.9% return on equity



# APPLICATION

Rate case drivers:

- Large capital investments
  - Lake Side 2 natural gas plant
  - Energy Vision 2020 wind/transmission
  - Pryor Mountain wind
  - Foote Creek wind repowering
  - Improvements/conversions at coal plants
  - Transmission expansion
- New depreciation rates on capital investments

# Rate Proposal

Proposed percentage change, effective January 1, 2022

Customer class	
Residential (Schedule 1)	9.2 %
Residential-Time of Day (Schedule 36)	10%
Commercial/Industrial - Large Power (Schedule 6)	9.4%
Commercial/Industrial – High Voltage – Schedule 9	8.1%
Irrigation (Schedule 10)	6.7%
Commercial/Industrial – Schedule 23	4.9%
Commercial/Industrial-Time of Day – Schedule 35	9.4%
Public Street Lighting	-38.6%
Contract – Schedule 400	4.9%
Overall	7%

# Company Proposal – Schedule 1 Residential Average Monthly Change

Based on Average use of 783 kWh

	Current Bill	Proposed Bill	Difference
Customer Charge	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$3.00
Monthly Rate	\$76.21	\$83.38	\$7.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81.21</b>	<b>\$91.38</b>	<b>\$10.17</b>

# Company Proposal – Schedule 36 Residential Time of Day Average Monthly Change

Based on Average use of 1397 kWh

	Current Bill	Proposed Bill	Difference
Customer Charge	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$1.00
Monthly Rate	\$133.05	\$140.69	\$7.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$147.05</b>	<b>\$155.69</b>	<b>\$8.64</b>

# Review Process

## Next steps

- Staff and other parties are reviewing the Application.
- Verify and review the following:
  - Capital Improvements
  - Annual revenues and expenses
  - Requested capital structure and cost of capital
  - Pro forma adjustments
  - Ratepayer impact

# Review Process

## Parties involved in PAC-E-21-07

- Pacificorp (Rocky Mountain Power)
- PUC Commission Staff
- Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association
- Bayer
- Pacificorp Idaho Industrial Customers
- Idaho Conservation League
- Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho

# Review Process

- Final component of the review process:
  - Staff and Intervenors will make recommendations in written testimony on October 20, 2021,
  - The Company will have an opportunity to respond on November 3, 2021,
  - Customers can testify at a Customer Hearing November 15, 2021, and
  - Staff, the Company and other intervenors will participate in a Technical Hearing led by the Commissioners on November 16 – 19, 2020.

# CUSTOMER COMMENTS

Customer written comments are due no later than NOVEMBER 19, 2021  
(Reference Case Number PAC-E-21-07)

- Mail – IPUC, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074
- Email Address – [secretary@puc.idaho.gov](mailto:secretary@puc.idaho.gov)
- Internet Website Address – [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov)
  - Select - Case Comment Form

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- Telephonic Customer Hearing – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021, AT 6:00 PM
  - To listen only, call 1-800-920-7487, and enter code 9877 951#
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# WEBSITE HOMEPAGE

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following items: Home, Cases, File Room, Laws & Rules, Consumers, Press Releases, About us, and Contact us. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar, with the text "ENHANCED BY Google" and a search icon.

Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area. On the left side, there is a vertical list of links, each with an icon and a red arrow pointing to the "Case Comment Form" link:

- Case Comment Form
- Annual Gross Intrastate Revenues Report Form
- Electric
- Telecom
- Water
- Natural Gas
- Rail Safety
- Pipeline Safety
- Multi-Utility

Below this list is a section titled "Consumers" with the following links:

- Consumer Complaint / Inquiry Form
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Consumer Resources

On the right side of the main content area, there is a "News Updates" section with a list of news items:

- Order No. 35095: Adopting the Commission's Safety Regulations by Order
- Proposed Revision to IPUC Rules of Procedure Case No. RUL-U-21-01
- Notice of Intent - Negotiated Rulemaking Case No. RUL-U-21-01
- In Re COVID-19 Response - Order No. 35058
- Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host telephonic

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# CASE COMMENT FORM

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### Case Comment or Question Form

Use this form to **file a comment** or **ask a question about a utility case** pending before the Commission. If you know the case number, please include it.

Submit electronically below or send in to:

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P O Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074  
FAX: (208) 334-3762

Use the [Consumer Complaint / Inquiry Form](#) if you need help resolving a problem with a utility or have a question about your bill, disconnection of service, service reliability and outages, cost of a line extension, customer service, or other issues that are not related to a utility case.

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Case Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

Utility Company:

I acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under Idaho Code § 74-101 (13) and all information provided by me on this form is available for public and media inspection. My comment may be reviewed by the utility.

Ask a question or state your comment:



# CASE SCHEDULE



<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>CASE FILED</b>	<b>May 27</b>
<b>TELEPHONIC PUBLIC WORKSHOP</b>	<b>October 13 (6 p.m.)</b>
<b>PREPARED TESTIMONY DEADLINE</b>	<b>October 20</b>
<b>COMPANY REBUTTAL TESTIMONY DEADLINE</b>	<b>November 3</b>
<b>TELEPHONIC CUSTOMER HEARING</b>	<b>November 15 (6 p.m.)</b>
<b>COMMENT DEADLINE</b>	<b>November 19</b>
<b>TECHNICAL HEARING</b>	<b>November 16 (9:30 a.m.) November 17-19, if necessary</b>



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