

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSESSMENT)
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE SPECIAL)
REGULATORY FEES PAYABLE TO THE)
COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022)
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CASE NO. F-2021-1

ORDER NO. 35004

In March 2021, the Idaho Legislature passed, and the Governor signed Senate Bill 1141 appropriating a total of \$6,709,600 to the Commission for operations during Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). This appropriation represents \$5,943,700 for public utility activities, \$204,800 for railroad activities, \$341,800 for federal grants, and \$219,300 for indirect funds. This Order assesses the utilities their share of the total appropriation.

For FY 2020, there was a carry-over balance (reverted appropriation) for utilities of \$1,487,300. After incorporating the carry-over, the calculated assessment is \$4,456,400 (\$5,943,700-\$1,487,300) for FY 2022 utility operations.

The reported gross operating revenues from Title 61 and Title 62 utility operations in Idaho is \$2.28 billion for calendar year 2020. This represents a reported revenue increase of approximately \$43.8 million (1.96%) from the prior year. The proportionate share for each utility’s regulatory fee is to be assessed at 0.1953%. In no case shall the proportionate share of each public utility’s assessed regulatory fee be less than \$50. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-1004(4) and 62-611.

FINDINGS OF FACT

In accordance with *Idaho Code* §§ 61-1001 through 61-1008 and 62-611, the Commission is authorized to assess \$4,456,400 for supervising and regulating public utilities subject to our jurisdiction.

The total reported gross operating revenues derived from the intrastate utility business for all public utilities for the 2020 calendar year is \$2.28 billion.

The proportionate assessment for each public utility is 0.1953% of its Idaho gross operating revenue derived from intrastate utility business for the 2020 calendar year. In no case shall the calculated regulatory fee be less than \$50 per utility.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, except as provided in the following paragraph, that each Title 61 public utility and Title 62 telephone corporation operating within the State of Idaho and subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission shall pay to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission a special regulatory fee for the 2022 fiscal year amounting to 0.1953% of its Idaho gross operating revenue derived from intrastate utility business for the 2020 calendar year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the fee thus determined shall be less than \$50, then such utility shall pay to the Commission the minimum of \$50 as prescribed by law. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-1004(4) and 62-611.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that at least one-half of such regulatory fee shall be paid to the Commission on or before May 15, 2021, and any remaining balance shall be paid on or before November 15, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the payment shall not be made on or before the due dates, the installment or portion thereof so due shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum until such time as the full amount of the installment shall have been paid and such delinquent payment shall be subject to an action in the name of the State for collection. *Idaho Code* § 61-1005.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any utility objecting to the assessment prescribed in this Order must file a written objection with the Commission no later than May 15, 2021. *Idaho Code* § 61-1007.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16th day of April 2021.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

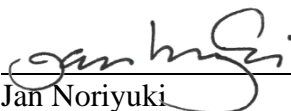


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



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ATTEST:



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