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IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSION) CASE NO. GNR-U-22-04
STAFF’S PETITION TO UPDATE THE)
COMMISSION’S SAFETY AND) PETITION
ACCIDENT RULES BY SPECIAL ORDER)
_____)

The Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”), petitions the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for an order updating the Commission’s Safety and Accident Rules.

In support of its Petition, Staff states:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 30, 2021, the Commission adopted Safety and Accident Reporting Rules (previously IDAPA 31.11.01) by order instead of promulgating the rule chapters under the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act. *See* Order No. 35095. Recently, the Commission has stated its desire to amend the “Fatality and Hospitalization Reporting” requirements in Safety and Accident Reporting Rule 301.01 to require regulated utilities to notify the Commission Secretary by telephone and email within 24 hours of a fatality or hospitalization.

II. PROCEDURE

Staff believes that a hearing is not necessary to consider the issues and requests that this Petition be processed under Modified Procedure; i.e., by written submissions rather than by hearing. *See* Commission Rule of Procedure 201, *et seq.*

III. COMMUNICATIONS AND SERVICE OF PLEADINGS

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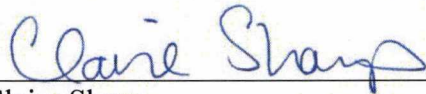
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IV. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order amending Safety and Accident Reporting Rule 301.01 to require regulated utilities to notify the Commission Secretary by telephone and email within 24 hours of a fatality or hospitalization.

Staff requests the amended language become effective August 15, 2022.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of June 2022.



Claire Sharp
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 17th DAY OF JUNE 2022, SERVED THE FOREGOING *Staff's Petition to Update the Commission's Safety and Accident Rules by Special Order*, IN CASE NO. GNR-U-22-04, BY E-MAILING A COPY THEREOF TO THE FOLLOWING:

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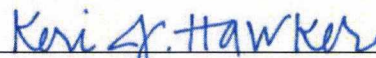
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ATTACHMENT A

Staff's Petition to Update the Commission's Safety and Accident Rules by Special Order

Case No. GNR-U-22-04

REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS AND SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

(Rules 300 through 400)

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