IDAPA 31 – IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

31.61.01 – RULES FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF STRAY CURRENT OR VOLTAGE (THE STRAY VOLTAGE RULES)

DOCKET NO. 31-6101-2201

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES – ZERO-BASED REGULATION NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to the authority of the Idaho Public Utilities Law, Sections 61-515 and 61-520, Idaho Code, and the Stray Current and Voltage Remediation Act, Section 61-803, Idaho Code, and Executive Order No. 2020-01.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A public meeting on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. MT
Idaho Public Utilities Commission **Hearing Room** **11331 W. Chinden Blvd.** **Building 8, Suite 201-A** **Boise, Idaho 83714**

To participate by phone or web conferencing, please contact Adam Rush at (208) 334-0339 or adam.rush@puc.idaho.gov. Any additional meeting dates will be posted at https://puc.idaho.gov in the "News Updates" section.

The meeting site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities, if needed. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting to the agency address below.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Those interested in participating in the negotiated rulemaking process are encouraged to attend the scheduled meeting in person or via telephone/web conferencing. For those who cannot participate by attending the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission by email at secretary@puc.idaho.gov. Written comments may also be submitted using the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Case Comment Form: https://puc.idaho.gov/Form/CaseComment.

Upon conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusion reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary. The summary will be made available to interested persons who contact the agency or, if the agency chooses, the summary may be posted on the agency website.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principal issues involved:

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission initiated this rulemaking in compliance with Executive Order 2020-01: Zero-Based Regulation, issued by Governor Little on January 16, 2020. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 2020-01, each rule chapter effective on June 30, 2020, shall be reviewed by the agency that promulgated the rule. The review will be conducted according to a schedule established by the Division of Financial Management, Office of the Governor (DFM), posted at https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rulemaking_templates/index.html. This is the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's rule chapter up for review in 2022.

The goal of the rulemaking is to perform a critical and comprehensive review of the entire chapter in an attempt to reduce overall regulatory burden, streamline various provisions, and increase clarity and ease of use.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking or to obtain a preliminary draft copy of the rule text, contact Stephen Goodson at (208) 334-0323. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the Idaho Public Utilities Commission web site at the following web address: https://puc.idaho.gov/.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before April 27, 2022.

DATED this 31st day of March 2022.

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