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NEWS RELEASE: PUC will host online public workshop to share information on Idaho Power application to establish tariff schedule

BOISE (Nov. 5, 2020) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold an online, livestreamed public workshop to share information regarding an Idaho Power application to establish tariff Schedule 68, Interconnections to Customer Distributed Energy Resources.

Idaho Power filed the application after being directed by the commission to file proposed smart inverter requirements with the commission within 60 days of the final adoption of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers standards 1547 and 1547.1, and to study the implementation of a non-export option.

Smart inverters can enable a more efficient integration of distributed energy resources, and they convert the direct current output of solar panels into the alternating current that can be used by consumers in their homes and businesses. The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers standard 1547 is intended to provide a set of criteria and requirements for the interconnection of distributed generation resources into the power grid.

Staff with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host the online, live-streamed public workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (MST), or until the parties involved in the case decide to adjourn. Commission staff and Idaho Power representatives will be available to answer questions during the workshop. Those interested in attending the online workshop can do so in two ways. To participate online, please visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter the number 133 559 2825. At the next window, enter your name, e-mail address and the password TuesdayWorkshop. To participate by phone, please dial 1-415-655-0001 and enter access code 133 559 2825.

The workshop is intended to provide the parties an opportunity to discuss the issues in the case. Members of the public with or without technical expertise related to the subject matter are invited to participate.

To learn more about Idaho Power's application, please visit: <u>https://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6541</u>.