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NEWS RELEASE: Commission issues order regarding topics/issues to be included in Idaho Power on-site generation study

BOISE (Dec. 30, 2021) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission on Thursday issued an order that determines the topics and issues that will be covered in a comprehensive study that examines the costs, benefits and compensation of excess energy that is generated by Idaho Power customers who produce on-site generation.

In Order No. 34509, issued on Dec. 20, 2019, the commission directed Idaho Power to prepare and file a credible and fair study of the costs and benefits of distributed on-site generation to Idaho Power's system. The order that the commission issued Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, moves the study process forward by listing the topics and issues that will be covered in the study. Idaho Power expects to complete the study design phase of this process in the first half of 2022 so that it can begin the study review phase in the second half of 2022.

An on-site generation program allows Idaho Power customers to pay an independent contractor to have solar panels or other systems installed on their homes or property and then receive credit from Idaho Power for the surplus energy they deliver to the company. On Dec. 20, 2019, the commission granted legacy treatment to customers who had installed, or submitted an application to install with a financial commitment, an on-site generation system under Schedules 6 and 8 (Case No. IPC-E-18-15, Order No. 34509.) Customers in Schedule 6 and Schedule 8 are residential and small general service customers.

Schedule 84 defines the terms for commercial, industrial, and irrigation customers who are participating in on-site generation. In Case No. IPC-E-20-26, Order No. 34854, customers in this schedule were given legacy treatment under the same conditions as customers in Schedules 6 and 8 above.

The primary objective of the on-site generation study and corresponding modifications to the program is to establish a sustainable on-site generation program that is fair and equitable. Ideally, the parameters of the program should minimize or eliminate cross-subsidies that could exist between participants and non-participants of on-site generation. The commission's final order and directives regarding the study were informed by Idaho Power, commission staff, fourteen intervening parties, and over 250 public commenters to this case.

To view the commission's order, please visit: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6718.