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NEWS RELEASE: Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will host online, virtual public workshops in September on study of Idaho Power net-metering program

BOISE (Aug. 25, 2022) – Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will host two online, virtual public workshops in early September to share information on Idaho Power’s net-metering study, which examines the costs, benefits and compensation of excess energy that is generated by Idaho Power customers who produce on-site generation.

In June of 2022, Idaho Power completed the Value of Distributed Energy Resources Study, or VODER study of its on-site generation program. The 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.

The first workshop is on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (MDT). Those wishing to participate online can visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2461 943 8931. At the next window, please enter your name, e-mail address and this password: 0906Workshop. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2461 943 8931 when prompted. Commission staff will be available to answer questions about the study, and Idaho Power representatives may be available.

The second workshop is on Wednesday, Sept. 7, beginning at 12:30 p.m. (MDT). Those wishing to participate online can visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2456 391 6010 when prompted. At the next window, please enter your name, e-mail address and this password: 0907Workshop. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2456 391 6010 when prompted. Commission staff will be available to answer questions about the study, and Idaho Power representatives may be available.

Verbal testimony or formal comments will not be accepted at the workshops. The commission will schedule public hearings at a later date this year to accept testimony that will become part of the formal record.

Idaho Power is hosting a virtual public workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 6:00 p.m. (MDT). The company will provide an overview of the VODER study, and respond to questions. To

participate online, please visit idahopower.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2595 239 8045. At the next window, please enter your name, e-mail address and this password: AugustWorkshop (2 848 7896 from phones).

Previous orders from the commission led to the creation of the VODER study. 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. On Dec. 30, 2021, the commission issued an order that determined specific topics and issues to be covered in the study.

Also on Dec. 20, 2019, the commission granted legacy treatment to residential and small general service 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.

Idaho Power said 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, as Idaho Power represents, the parameters of the program should minimize or eliminate cross-subsidies that could exist between participants and non-participants of on-site generation.

To learn more about the VODER study, please visit: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6879.

Written comments on the study are being accepted until Sept. 21, 2022. Comments are required to be filed by e-mail unless e-mail is unavailable. To submit comments via e-mail, please visit the commission's webpage at puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "Case Comment Form" toward the top left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-22-22 when filling out the form.

If e-mail is unavailable, comments may be mailed to the commission at these addresses:

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