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**NEWS RELEASE:** Virtual workshop scheduled for Sept. 17 on Idaho Power filing to update customer surcharge for project to bury transmission line.

**BOISE (Aug. 30, 2024)** – Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will host a virtual, online workshop on Sept. 17 to share information on an Idaho Power compliance filing to surcharge Blaine County customers for placing an existing distribution line underground. Undergrounding the distribution line is the first phase of constructing a redundant transmission line needed to ensure reliable service to Blaine County customers.

Idaho Power plans to build a redundant 138 kilovolt transmission line in Blaine County to primarily serve the North Valley area, including Ketchum and Sun Valley. The utility also said the line now has staggered construction, necessitating a two-phase surcharge implementation. Phase one covers burying distribution lines, effective in December of 2024. Phase two addresses transmission lines, planned for 2026. Idaho Power’s filing pertains to phase one, updating Schedule 96 for distribution-related charges on Blaine County customers’ bills. The utility will file for approval of the phase two surcharge when the transmission line is near completion and when final costs are known.

The utility is proposing updated surcharges of \$2.00 a month for residential and small general service customers and \$8.02 a month for non-residential customers for the phase one surcharge. Non-residential customers are large general service customers, industrial customers and irrigation customers.

Commission staff will hold the workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 17, to share information on Idaho Power’s filing and answer questions. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. MDT and conclude at 9:00 p.m., or until all questions have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2630 805 6798 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter this password: TuesdayMeeting. Next, please click on the green “Join Webinar” button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the “Next” button. Then click on the green “Join Webinar” button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2630 805 6798 when prompted.

Written comments on Idaho Power's filing are being accepted until Oct. 25, 2024. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments using the commission website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-24-22 when filling out the form. The commenter should also include their name and address. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters should include their name, address and case number IPC-E-24-22. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Idaho Power at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number IPC-E-24-22.

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Additional information on Idaho Power's filing is available at: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7312](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7312).