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NEWS RELEASE: Commission Schedules Customer Hearing, Sets Written Comment Deadline for Proposed Sale of Electric Utility's Service Territory

BOISE (Sept. 23, 2026) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set a written comment deadline and scheduled a customer hearing for an application submitted by Idaho Power seeking approval to sell its service territory in Oregon to the Oregon Trail Electric Consumers Cooperative, Inc.

Idaho Power said the sale will benefit Oregon and Idaho customers by simplifying operations and eliminating the need to serve customers across both states. The utility also said the sale will allow it to concentrate financial resources, infrastructure investments and workforce on serving its Idaho customers during a time when it is experiencing an increase in the demand for electric service.

The utilities entered into an asset purchase agreement (APA) on Feb. 13, 2026, and a Territory Allocation Agreement (TAA) on May 13, 2026. Idaho Power said the APA and TAA will provide for the transfer of the utility's entire Oregon service territory and retail customer base, along with certain distribution and transmission infrastructure required for Oregon Trail Electric Consumers Cooperative to provide service to customers in the newly acquired area.

Idaho Power serves approximately 20,000 customers in Malheur, Harney, Baker and Wallowa counties. The utility said it is proposing to sell the service territory for \$154 million and that it believes the sale will support affordable electric rates for its Idaho customers.

The Commission is accepting written comments on the proposed sale through Dec. 4, 2026. Comments are required to be filed through the Commission's website or by email unless computer access is unavailable. To submit comments online, visit puc.idaho.gov and click on the "Case Comment Form" link in the upper left corner of the homepage. Please reference case number IPC-E-26-21 when submitting comments.

Comments submitted by email should be sent to the email addresses listed below. Commenters must include their name, address, and case number IPC-E-26-21. If computer access is unavailable, comments may be mailed to the addresses listed below and must include the commenter's name, address, and case number IPC-E-26-21 in the correspondence.

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The Commission will hold the customer hearing to take testimony for the record on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2026. The hearing will begin at 4:00 p.m. and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. To participate online, please visit teams.live.com and click on the “Join a meeting” option. Next, type 225 871 298 0441 in the Meeting ID window. Then type ik9j6xC7 in the Meeting Passcode window.

To submit testimony over the phone, please call 1-208-985-2810 and enter meeting number 433 809 590# when prompted.

Additional information on the application is available at: <https://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7802>.