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# Introduction



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# PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Idaho Power Company
Request for General Rate Increase
Case No. IPC-E-24-07

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)
September 4 & 5, 2024

### Purpose of a Public Workshop

#### Informational session to learn about the case

- Describe the role of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- Present Idaho Power's Application
- Explain Staff's role in the case
- Staff will:
  - Provide guidance on how to submit public comments
  - Answer any questions regarding the case
- \* This Public Workshop is not part of the official case record

# What is the Idaho Public Utilities Commission?



- Established in 1913. Idaho Code Sections 61 and 62
- Regulates Idaho's investor-owned utilities, ensuring adequate service and reasonable rates
- Comprised of three Commissioners appointed by the Governor. The Commissioners make the decisions in each case
- Staff members include Auditors, Engineers, Technical Analysts, Compliance Investigators and Administration
- Staff is conducting this workshop, a party to the case, and will provide comments to the Commissioners

### State Law Requires that the Commission

#### Consider evidence that is on the record

- The Company's Application
- Comments from Staff & Other Parties
- Customers' written comments or oral testimony at customer hearings

#### Allow utility companies to:

- Recover prudently incurred expenses necessary to provide service to customers
- Earn a reasonable rate of return on investments the Company makes to provide service to customers

### State Law Requires that Utility Companies

#### Serve every customer in their assigned territory

- Customers do not have a choice of a different utility company.
  - For this reason, customers cannot be unjustly denied service by utility companies

# Meet the statutory public interest standard, ensuring customers have:

- Adequate, safe, and reliable service
- Fair and reasonable rates approved by the Commission





# **Background & Application**

Kimberly Loskot
Technical Analyst

# Background

#### IPC-E-23-11 General Rate Case

- Company requested an increase to electricity rates of 8.61%
- Company was authorized an increase of 4.25%

## **Application**

- The Company's Application is a Limited Scope Rate Case
  - Requested an increase of 7.31%, a \$99.29 million increase in annual revenue, effective January 1, 2025
    - Proposed recovery through a monthly service charge and volumetric charges for all customers
- Staff and other parties are reviewing the Company's request
  - Recommendations will be made to the Commissioners
- Commissioners will decide what the actual change in rates will be
  - Factors they consider:
    - Company's request and analysis provided
    - Staff and Intervenor recommendations and analysis provided
    - Customer comments and testimony

# **Drivers of Request**

#### <u>Increased expenses since the 2023 rate case:</u>

Incremental Labor costs

Capital Investments

**Nearly \$1 billion** 

Rebuilding Transmission Lines \$125 million

Replacement of a Series Capacitor Bank \$11 million

New Distribution-Related Investments \$186 million

New Generation-Related Investments \$374 million

<sup>\*</sup>This is not a comprehensive list





# Revenue Requirement

James Chandler *Auditor* 

# Why is Revenue Revenue Requirement Important?

#### Establishes revenue to allow the Company to continue operations

- Maintain a safe and reliable system for customers
- Recover all prudently incurred expenses
- Earn a reasonable return on system investments

#### Without enough revenue the Company may not be able to:

- Cover the cost of everyday expenses
- Make necessary additions and maintain the system
- Reliability and safety of the system could suffer

### Components

#### **Operating Expenses**

Wages, office supplies, contracted services, etc.

#### **Taxes**

State and Federal taxes

#### Plant in Service

 Infrastructure used to provide service (power plants, transmission lines, etc.)

#### **Depreciation Expense**

Yearly return of Plant in Service used to provide service

#### Rate of Return

Return on plant investments made by the Company

<sup>\*</sup>The components above establish the total revenue requirement. Some components are not changing due to the case being limited-scope





# **Electric Rate Proposal**

Kimberly Loskot
Technical Analyst

### Rate Structure Overview

Revenue Requirement For Residential Customers Is Recovered Through Two Types Of Charges:

### **Service Charge**

- Fixed Amount On Each Monthly Bill (\$/month)
- Charge Is Before Using Any Electricity

### **Energy Charge**

Amount Based On Amount Of Consumption (\$/kWh\*)

<sup>\*</sup> This Measurement Is Tracked By A Meter To Determine Amount Of Electricity Used By Individual Customers.

# **Proposed Rate Changes**

- No change to Service Charge for all customer classes is requested in this case
- Overall proposed 7.31 % increase to all classes

Cost of Service Percent Change – Revenue Spread						
Revenue Change	Overall % Impact	Residential	Small General Service	Large General Service <sup>1</sup>	Large Power <sup>2</sup>	Irrigation
\$99,293,220	7.31%	7.25%	7.30%	6.83%	6.50%	9.50%

<sup>1 –</sup> Includes lighting schedules

<sup>2 –</sup> Includes special contracts

# **Proposed Residential Rates**

Charge Type	Current	Proposed	Difference
Sch. 1 Service Charge* (Approved in the Previous Rate Case)	\$10	\$15	50%
Summer Energy Charge			
0-800 kWh	\$ 0.101082	\$ 0.103671	2.56%
801-2000 kWh	\$ 0.121546	\$ 0.124659	2.56%
Over 2000 kWh	\$ 0.144385	\$ 0.148083	2.56%
Winter Energy Charge			
0-800 kWh	\$ 0.088958	\$ 0.091236	2.56%
801-2000 kWh	\$ 0.098073	\$ 0.100585	2.56%
Over 2000 kWh	\$ 0.108615	\$ 0.111397	2.56%

**Average Customer of 950 kWh Bill Increase** 

\$ 7.48

# Proposed Small General Service Rates

Charge Type	Current	Proposed	Difference
Sch. 7 Service Charge* (Approved in the Previous Rate Case)	\$ 25	\$ 25	0%
Summer Energy Charge			
0-300 kWh	\$ 0.067404	\$ 0.077042	14.30 %
Over 300 kWh	\$ 0.077027	\$ 0.088041	14.30 %
Non-Summer Energy Charge			
0-300 kWh	\$ 0.067404	\$ 0.077042	14.30 %
Over 300 kWh	\$ 0.067421	\$ 0.077061	14.30 %

**Average Customer of 375 kWh Bill Increase** 

\$ 3.73





# **Consumer Assistance**

Curtis Thaden

Utilities Compliance Investigator

### **Consumer Assistance**

#### **Utility Compliance Investigators:**

- Assist customers to resolve issues and/or disputes with the Company
- Monitor compliance with Laws, Commission Rules, and the Company's Tariff

#### In a rate case, Investigators:

- Review issues from previous cases
- Review previous complaints
- Review submitted comments from customers
- Investigate consumer issues raised in the case

### **Customer Comments**

Customer written comments are due prior to the Commission closing the record on the case (Reference Case Number IPC-E-24-07)

#### Internet Website Address – puc.idaho.gov

- Select Case Comment Form (once comments are submitted, they become part of public record)
- Email: secretary@puc.idaho.gov
- Mail IPUC, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074
- Public Customer hearing is TBD (pending a Commission Order)

COMMENTS ONLY (QUESTIONS WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED)

# Idaho Public Utilities Homepage



#### Consumers

Consumer Complaint / Inquiry Form Frequently Asked Questions Consumer Resources

# Comments Form Page



### **PUC Home Page**



### **Electric Page**

#### **Electric**

#### Cases

Open Cases
Closed Cases

#### Resources

Northwest Power Generation
Annual Average Rates for All States
Annual Average Rate by Customer Class
National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency
NARUC Committee on Electricity
Office of Energy Resources
Western Interstate Energy Board (WIEB)
DOE Energy Conservation Information
DHHS LIHEAP Clearinghouse
Approved Electric Tariffs
List of Rate Schedule Classification

#### **Orders & Notices**

Commission Order No. 36000 - Interest Rate on Consumer Deposits Commission Order No. 36141 - Utility Regulatory Fees

#### Rules

Contracts

IPUC Rules
Safety and Accident Reporting Rules

#### **Avoided Cost Rates**

Avista Avoided Cost Rates For New Contracts
Avista Avoided Cost Rates For Renewal Contracts
Idaho Power Company Avoided Cost Rates For
New Contracts
Idaho Power Company Avoided Cost Rates For
Renewal Contracts
Pacificorp Avoided Costs Rates For New
Contracts
Pacificorp Avoided Cost Rates For Renewal

# Open Electric Cases Page

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#### **IPUC Open Electric Cases**





<u>CaseNo</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Description</u>
IPC-E-24-07	IDAHO POWER COMPANY	IDAHO POWER COMPANY - GENERAL RATE CASE
IPC-E-24-11	IDAHO POWER COMPANY	IDAHO POWER COMPANY - APPLICATION FOR A DETERMINATION OF 2023 DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT EXPENSES AS PRUDENTLY INCURRED
IPC-E-24-12	IDAHO POWER COMPANY	IDAHO POWER COMPANY - APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A MARKET PURCHASE AGREEMENT
IPC-E-24-13	IDAHO POWER COMPANY	IDAHO POWER COMPANY - FORMAL COMPLAINT OF LYDIA FERGUISON
IPC-E-24-14	IDAHO POWER COMPANY	IDAHO POWER COMPANY APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN THE BRIDGER BALANCING ACCOUNT OF ALL NON-FUEL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH PLANT OPERATIONS
IPC-E-24-16	IDAHO POWER COMPANY	IDAHO POWER COMPANY APPLICATION FOR A CPCN FOR THE BOISE BENCH BATTERY STORAGE FACILITY
IPC-E-24-18	IDAHO POWER COMPANY	IDAHO POWER COMPANY - APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A CLEAN ENERGY YOUR WAY CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BOISE AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT THERETO
IPC-E-24-20	IDAHO POWER COMPANY	IDAHO POWER COMPANY APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT
IPC-E-24-22	IDAHO POWER COMPANY	IDAHO POWER COMPANY COMPLIANCE FILING TO UPDATE THE CUSTOMER SURCHARGE TO COLLECT INCREMENTAL COSTS OF DISTRIBUTION UNDERGROUNDING OF THE NEW 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN THE WOOD RIVER VALLEY AND ESTABLISH

## Case Summary Page

#### **Case Summary**

Last Updated	Case Number	Date Filed	Case Type	Status	Description
02/15/2024	IPC-E-24-07	02/15/2024	Rate	Notice Received	IDAHO POWER COMPANY - GENERAL RATE CASE

#### **Case Files**

02/14/2024 NOTICE OF INTENT.PDF

03/29/2024 SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF INTENT.PDF

05/31/2024 APPLICATION.PDF

05/31/2024 IPC BILL INSERT.PDF

05/31/2024 IPC NEWS RELEASE.PDF

#### **Orders & Notices**

06/20/2024 INTERVENTION\_ORDER\_NO\_36235.PDF

06/21/2024 INTERVENTION\_ORDER\_NO\_36237.PDF

06/21/2024 NOTICE\_OF\_APPLICATION\_ORDER\_NO\_36238.PDF

07/26/2024 INTERVENTION\_ORDER\_NO\_36277.PDF

07/26/2024 NOTICE\_OF\_PARTIES.PDF



#### **Public Comments**

06/03/2024 COMMENTS\_3.PDF

06/04/2024 COMMENT\_1.PDF

06/13/2024 COMMENTS\_4.PDF

06/14/2024 COMMENTS\_3.PDF

06/26/2024 COMMENT\_1.PDF





# You can find case information and file comments on the PUC website: puc.idaho.gov

Case Number IPC-E-24-07

Direct: (208) 334-0300

Toll-Free: (800) 432-0369

Fax: (208) 334-3762

### Next Steps?

- Customers can: subscribe to the Commission's RSS feed to receive updates about all cases via email.
- Please continue submitting comments.
- Reminder deadline for customer comment is November 6, 2024.
- Customer Hearing –TBD, pending a Commission Order.



# Schedule



Event	Date	Time
Case Filed	May 31, 2024	
Virtual Public Workshop	September 4, 2024 September 5, 2024	6-9 pm 12-3 pm
Staff Comments	November 6, 2024	
Written Public Comments	November 6, 2024	
Public Customer Hearing (Twin Falls) Public Customer Hearing (Boise)	TBD – Pending Commission Order	TBD TBD
Company Reply Comments	November 27, 2024	
Close of Case	Final Order	





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