

# ELECTRIC



## Avista Utilities\*

2022 Average Number of Customers/Avg. Revenue/kwh\*\*

361,607 Residential Customers/\$0.09987

44,578 Commercial Customers/\$0.10580

1,194 Industrial Customers/\$0.0697



## Idaho Power Company

2022 Average Number of Customers/Avg. Revenue/kwh\*\*

498,920 Residential Customers/\$0.1070

91,823 Commercial Customers/\$0.0829

119 Industrial Customers/\$0.0616



## Rocky Mountain Power

2022 Average Number of Customers/Avg. Revenue/kwh\*\*

71,799 Residential Customers/\$0.1090

10,762 Commercial Customers/\$0.0918

5,865 Industrial Customers/\$0.0725

\*INCLUDES BOTH IDAHO AND WASHINGTON CUSTOMERS.

\*\* THE INFORMATION ABOVE SHOWS EACH REGULATED ELECTRIC UTILITY'S AVERAGE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS PER CUSTOMER CLASS AND THE AVERAGE REVENUE PER KILOWATT-HOUR (KWH) FOR 2022.

# Electric Press Releases from the Commission for the Fiscal Year 2023

## Atlanta Power Company

### COMMISSION SCHEDULES ONLINE PUBLIC WORKSHOP, PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION SEEKING APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE AGREEMENT INVOLVING ATLANTA POWER COMPANY

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host an online, virtual public workshop and a public hearing on an application filed by Greylock Energy Holdings, LLC, an Idaho limited liability company, requesting approval of its proposed purchase of all shares of stock, assets and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Atlanta Power Company, Inc., an Idaho corporation and electric utility regulated by the Commission.

Atlanta Power Company provides electricity to approximately 75 customers in and around Atlanta, Idaho. The proposed purchase agreement is asking for approval for Greylock to pay \$365,000 for Atlanta Power Company.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, the Commission will host a virtual public workshop to share information on the application. The workshop will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (MST). In addition to sharing information, Commission staff will be available to answer questions. To participate, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2466 435 2419 (no space between the numbers). At the next window, please enter your name, e-mail address and this password: Tuesday Workshop. To participate in the workshop over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2466 435 2419.

The PowerPoint presentation staff will be sharing at the workshop will be available online on Tuesday afternoon at approximately 3:00 p.m. To view the PowerPoint file on Tuesday, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). It will be in the News Updates section on the upper right side of the page.

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, the Commission will host a telephonic public hearing to accept testimony on the application. To participate, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2459 066 3124. The hearing will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (MST).

Written comments from customers and the public on Greylock's application are being accepted until Dec. 15, 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](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "Case Comment Form" link toward the top left of the page. Please use case number ATL-E-22-02 when filling out the form. Any comments should also be sent to Greylock Energy Holdings and Atlanta Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. If e-mail is unavailable, comments may be mailed to the Commission, Greylock and Atlanta Power at these addresses:

For more information on Greylock's application, please visit: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6943](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6943).

### COMMISSION APPROVES SALE OF ATLANTA POWER COMPANY

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission on Friday approved the sale of Atlanta Power Company, Inc. to Greylock Energy Holdings, LLC.

Greylock Energy Holdings requested approval to purchase all shares of stock, assets, and the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Atlanta Power. Atlanta Power is regulated by the Commission and provides electricity to approximately 75 customers in and around Atlanta, Idaho.

For additional information on the approval, please visit: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6943](https://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6943).

## **Avista Utilities**

### **COMMISSION STAFF WILL HOST CUSTOMER WORKSHOP ON AVISTA APPLICATION TO INCREASE ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS RATES**

Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will hold an online customer workshop on May 3 to share information on an application from Avista to increase the rates it charges for natural gas and electric service.

If the utility's application is approved by the Commission, rates would increase for residential natural gas customers and residential electric customers in 2023 and 2024.

In 2023, residential electric customers using an average of 927 kilowatt hours per month could expect to see an increase of 15.4 percent, or \$13.18. The total monthly bill would be \$98.58, up from \$85.40. In 2024, residential electric customers who are also using an average of 927 kilowatt hours per month could expect to see an increase of 4.7 percent, or \$4.66 per month. The monthly bill would be \$103.24, up from \$98.58.

In 2023, residential natural gas customers using an average of 64 therms per month could expect to see an increase of 3.5 percent, or \$2.60. The monthly bill would be \$76.02, up from \$73.42. In 2024, residential natural gas customers who also are using an average of 64 therms per month could expect to see an increase of 0.2 percent, or \$0.14. The monthly bill would increase to \$76.16, up from \$76.02.

The online public workshop will be Wednesday, May 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (MDT). Commission staff will present information on the application and answer questions. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](https://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2459 362 1261. Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter the password AvistaWorkshop. 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, enter meeting number 2459 362 1261 when prompted, then enter the numeric password 284 78 296.

Avista said the rate increases would allow it to recover costs for fixed expenses, ongoing investments in infrastructure, investments in technology and other expenses. The Commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

### **CUSTOMER HEARINGS SCHEDULED TO TAKE TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASES**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host customer hearings in late July to take testimony on applications from Avista to increase rates for natural gas and electric service.

Avista is asking for approval to increase base rates for natural gas customers and electric customers in 2023 and 2024. Under the terms of a proposed settlement involving parties in the case, natural gas customers would see an increase of approximately 2.7 percent beginning Sept. 1, 2023, and an additional increase of 0.01 percent beginning Sept. 1, 2024.

Electric service customers would see an increase of 8.0 percent beginning Sept. 1, 2023, and an additional increase of 1.4 percent beginning Sept. 1, 2024.

The Commission may approve the proposed settlement, deny it, or modify it.

Customer hearings will be held in Lewiston, Coeur d'Alene, and Sandpoint. Those attending the hearings in-person will have the opportunity to submit testimony for the record. The hearings may be listened to by calling in, but testimony will not be accepted over the phone.

The Lewiston hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 25, at 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) at the Elks Lodge, 3444 Country Drive Club Drive. It will conclude at 1:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. Those wanting to listen to it can call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2632 065 8514 when prompted.

The Coeur d'Alene hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 25, at 6:00 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) at the College of Northern Idaho's Meyer 106 Lecture Hall, 1000 W. Garden Avenue. It will conclude at 9:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. Those wanting to listen to the hearing can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2632 824 2575 when prompted.

The Sandpoint hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 26, at 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) at the Sandpoint Community Hall, 204 South 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. It will conclude at 2:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been received, whichever comes first. Those interested in listening to the hearing can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2631 407 0012 when prompted.

Written comments on the proposed settlement are being accepted until July 26, 2023. Comments are required to be filed using the Commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment using the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Please click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. If commenting on the proposed natural gas rate increase, please use case number AVU-G-23-01. If commenting on the proposed electric rate increase, please use case number AVU-E-23-01. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to send them to the Commission secretary and Avista at the e-mail addresses listed below.

## TECHNICAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON PROPOSED NATURAL GAS, ELECTRIC REVENUE INCREASE

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is holding technical hearings in early August on an application from Avista Utilities to increase revenues for natural gas and electric service it provides to customers.

Avista, which serves customers in northern Idaho, is asking for approval to increase base revenues in 2023 and 2024. Under the terms of a proposed settlement involving parties in the case, base revenues for natural gas service would increase by 2.7 percent beginning Sept. 1, 2023, and increase by 0.01 percent beginning Sept. 1, 2024.

Base revenues for electric service would increase by 8.03 percent beginning Sept. 1, 2023, and increase by 1.37 percent beginning Sept. 1, 2024.

Technical hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 2 and Thursday, Aug. 3. They will start at 9:00 a.m. each day and conclude at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time. They may conclude before 5:00 p.m. on Aug. 3 if the full two days are not needed.

To listen to the Aug. 2 hearing, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2452 863 7546 when prompted. Next, enter this numeric password: 933 63 732. To watch the hearing online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2452 863 7546. Then click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: WednesdayHearing. 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 listen to the Aug. 3 hearing, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2460 458 1126 when prompted. Next, enter this numeric password: 848 77 329. To watch the hearing online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2460 458 1126. Then click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter this password: ThursdayHearing. 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.

Written comments on the proposed settlement are being accepted until July 26, 2023. Comments are required to be filed using the Commission’s website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment using the website, please visit [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Please click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page. If commenting on the proposed natural gas revenue increase, please use case number AVU-G-23-01. If commenting on the proposed electric revenue increase, please use case number AVU-E-23-01. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to send them to the Commission secretary and Avista at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the Commission and Avista at these addresses:

## AVISTA UTILITIES FILES APPLICATION SEEKING APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL FARM ENERGY RATES

Avista Utilities has filed an application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission seeking approval to implement residential and small farm energy rates for electric service.

The utility, which serves customers in northern Idaho, said the electric residential and farm energy rate adjustment results from an agreement between it and the Bonneville Power Administration. The agreement provides a share of the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system to residential and small farm customers of the six investor-owned utilities in the Pacific Northwest.

Avista is proposing a residential and small farm energy rate adjustment credit rate for rate schedules 1, 12, 22, 32 and 48 of 0.366 cents per kilowatt-hour. This represents a \$0.2 million, or 0.1 percent increase to qualifying customers. Residential customers using an average of 927 kilowatt-hours per month would see their monthly bills increase from \$85.40 to \$85.53, or 0.2 percent.

Written comments on the application are being accepted until Sept. 13, 2023. Comments must be filed through the Commission’s website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment through the Commission’s 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 AVU-E-23-11 when filling out the form. If submitting comments using e-mail, please send them to the Commission secretary and Avista at the e-mail addresses listed below.

## AVISTA UTILITIES FILES ANNUAL POWER COST ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION

Written comments are being accepted on an Avista Utilities application seeking approval of its annual power cost adjustment.

If approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the average residential electric customer’s monthly bill would increase by \$3.23, or 3.8 percent.

The utility’s power cost adjustment tracks revenue and cost changes associated with variations in hydroelectric generation, secondary prices, thermal fuel costs and changes in power contract revenues and expenses.

The Commission is accepting written comments until Sept. 12, 2023. Comments are required to be filed through the Commission’s website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit the Commission website at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page.

Please complete the form using case number AVU-E-23-08. If filing by e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the Commission secretary and Avista at the e-mail addresses listed below.

## AVISTA UTILITIES FILES APPLICATION TO ADJUST FIXED COST ADJUSTMENT RATES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE

Avista Utilities has filed an application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission seeking approval to adjust the fixed cost adjustment rates for natural gas service from Nov. 1, 2023, through Oct. 31, 2024.

If approved by the Commission, natural gas residential customers will see a rebate of 1.219 cents per therm, or a 0.2 decrease. Natural gas non-residential customers would see a rebate of 0.632 cents per therm, or a 1.2 decrease. The application is a proposal and subject to Commission review and approval.

The fixed cost adjustment is a rate adjustment mechanism designed to address the link between the energy a utility sells and the revenue it collects to recover fixed costs of providing service, which decouples the utility's revenues from its customers' energy usage. The decoupling aims to remove a utility's incentive to increase sales to increase revenue and profits and encourages energy conservation.

The Commission is accepting written comments until Oct. 4, 2023. Comments are required to be filed through the Commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit the Commission website at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov) and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. When filling out the form, please use case number AVU-G-23-05.

## COMMISSION APPROVES NORTHERN IDAHO UTILITY'S APPLICATIONS THAT WILL CHANGE CUSTOMER RATES

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved four applications from Avista Utilities that will increase customer monthly rates by an average of \$1.14 beginning Oct. 1.

Avista's applications asked for approval to decrease its Schedule 91 – Energy Efficiency Rider Adjustment rates, approval to change the Power Cost Adjustment surcharge rate, approval of deferrals from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and for authorization to adjust its Fixed Cost Adjustment rates for electric service as well as approval to implement changes to residential and small farm credit rates for electric service.

Schedule 91 is designed to recover costs associated with energy efficiency services and programs offered to customers. It also provides customers with financial incentives or rebates for participating in electric energy efficiency programs offered by Avista. The Commission approved Avista's request, which will decrease the average residential customer's bill by approximately 97 cents per month relative to Schedule 91.

The utility's Power Cost Adjustment is an annual adjustment mechanism that monitors changes in hydroelectric generation, secondary prices, thermal fuel costs and other changes in power contract revenues and expenses. Avista said residential customers using an average of 927 kilowatt-hours per month would see monthly bills increase from \$85.40 to \$88.63.

The Fixed Cost Adjustment is a rate adjustment mechanism that is designed to break the link between the energy a utility sells and the revenue it collects to recover the fixed costs of providing service. This decouples the utility's revenues from its customers' energy usage. Avista said residential customers would see a change in their rebate rate from \$0.405 cents to a rate of \$0.540 cents per kilowatt-hour and non-residential customers would see a rebate rate change from \$0.034 cents to \$0.048 cents per kilowatt-hour.

The credit rates are provided to residential and small farm customers as part of an agreement between Avista and the Bonneville Power Administration. The agreement provides a share of the benefits of the federal Columbia River

power system to these customers. Avista said residential customers using an average of 927 kilowatt-hours per month would see monthly bills increase from \$85.40 to \$85.53.

## COMMISSION APPROVES NATURAL GAS UTILITY'S APPLICATIONS THAT WILL CHANGE CUSTOMER RATES

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved two applications submitted by Avista Utilities that will change the rates customers pay for natural gas.

Avista asked the Commission for approval to adjust the fixed cost adjustment (FCA) rates and approval to change purchased gas cost adjustment (PGA) rates. The FCA is a rate

adjustment mechanism that is designed to separate the link between the energy a utility sells and the revenue it collects to recover fixed costs of providing service, which decouples

Avista's revenues from customers' energy usage. The decoupling removes a utility's incentive to increase sales to increase revenue and profits and encourages energy conservation.

The approval of the FCA application will reduce residential customers' rates by 0.2 percent. This represents a rebate of 1.219 cents per therm. Non-residential customers will see a decrease of 1.2 percent, which represents a rebate of 0.632 cents per therm.

The PGA is a Commission-approved mechanism that adjusts rates up or down to reflect changes in Avista's costs to buy natural gas from suppliers. These include changes in transportation, storage and other related costs. The approval of the PGA will increase residential customers' rates by \$3.54, or 4.7 percent per month. Other groups of customers also will see an increase in rates.

### Idaho Power Company

## COMMISSION SCHEDULES ONLINE PUBLIC WORKSHOPS ON TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host public workshops on April 17 and April 19 to share information on applications from two electric utilities that have applied for permits to build a 500-kilovolt transmission line.

Rocky Mountain Power and Idaho Power have applied for certificates of public convenience and necessity as part of the process to build the Boardman-to-Hemingway transmission line, which they will co-own. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is a permit granted to a utility that allows it to provide service to a new geographic area, enter into a franchise agreement, build and operate a new facility or build an extension of an existing facility. The permit covers activities that are outside of a utility's usual course of business.

Rocky Mountain Power said the transmission line is needed to create lower-cost and more reliable electricity transmission service for its growing customer load and to avoid spending more for higher-cost generation and transmission resources.

Idaho Power said population and business growth in the region are increasing demand for electricity, and existing transmission lines can't carry additional electricity when it is most needed.

The workshop for Idaho Power's application will be Monday, April 17. Staff with the public utilities Commission will present information on the application and answer questions. It will start at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and end at 9:00 p.m., or after questions from the public have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate over the phone, please call

1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2454 319 4150 when prompted. Next, enter this numeric password: 66632963. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2454 319 4150. Then, click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter this password: MondayMeeting. 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.

The workshop for Rocky Mountain Power’s application will be Wednesday, April 19. Staff with the Commission will present information on the application and answer questions. It will start at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and end at 9:00 p.m., or after all questions from the public have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2459 471 9482 when prompted. Next, enter this numeric password: 93363732. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2459 471 9482. Then, click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter the password WednesdayMeeting. 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.

Those interested in attending either workshop in-person can do so at the Commission’s office, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise.

The transmission line, once built, will be approximately 300 miles long and cross five counties in Oregon. It will connect to Idaho Power’s existing Hemingway Substation in Owyhee County in Idaho.

The Commission is accepting written comments on both applications until May 25, 2023. To submit comments on Rocky Mountain Power’s application online, please visit the Commission’s homepage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page and complete the form using Case Number PAC-E-23-01. To file by e-mail, comments should be sent to the Commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the e-mail addresses listed below.

To submit comments on Idaho Power’s application for its certificate of public convenience and necessity, please visit the Commission’s homepage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page and complete the form using Case Number IPC-E-23-01.

## COMMISSION SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TRANSFER OF LAND FROM IDAHO POWER TO PARKS AND RECREATION

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is hosting a telephonic public hearing on May 11 to take formal testimony on an Idaho Power application to transfer land on Ritter Island to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

The application asks for approval from the Commission to transfer 1.09 acres of land on the island, which is located along the Snake River and is part of the Thousand Springs State Park. The proposed asset transfer is part of negotiations that ultimately led to the relicensing of Idaho Power Company’s mid-Snake hydro facilities. This proposal arose, in part, due to the understanding that the asset transfer would assist with aquatic habitat mitigation requirements.

Those interested in submitting testimony for the record are asked to call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2451 727 1983 when prompted shortly before 11:00 a.m. (MDT) on Thursday, May 11. Testimony also can be submitted in person at the Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A.

The Commission is accepting written comments on the proposed transfer until May 3, 2023. Comments are required to be filed through the Commission’s website

or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit the Commission’s webpage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Please click on the



“Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page and use case number IPC-E-23-07 when filling out the form.

If submitting comments using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the Commission and Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below.

## COMMISSION APPROVES ENERGY SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN IDAHO POWER AND BRISBIE

On May 11, 2023, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission approved an energy services agreement that allows Idaho Power to provide electric service to a new data center in the Kuna, Idaho area.

The data center, owned by Brisbie, LLC, will be a large power service customer of Idaho Power. Large power service customers are those who use between 10,000 kilowatts and 20,000 kilowatts of power. Customers that receive in excess of 20,000 kilowatts are required to make special contract arrangements with Idaho Power.

Before the energy services agreement was approved, staff with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission reviewed it and additional supporting materials that were filed by Idaho Power to ensure existing Idaho Power customers would not see their rates increase as a result of the energy service agreement, among other items. An evaluation of the energy services agreement was intended to address concerns about Brisbie being Idaho Power’s largest customer with a significant impact to Idaho Power’s system and cost structure, which had the potential to increase the risk to other utility customers. In addition, how the rates Idaho Power will charge were determined may be used as a model for this type of customer in the future, which could increase the risk to other customers.

Idaho Power is planning to obtain enough renewable resources to meet Brisbie’s initial annual energy requirements in the short-term through a power purchase agreement and will build or obtain additional resources to meet the data center’s energy requirements going forward.

Brisbie plans to support 100 percent of its operations through the addition of renewable resources, which would be connected to Idaho Power’s system.

## CUSTOMER HEARINGS SCHEDULED IN JUNE ON APPLICATIONS THAT WOULD ADVANCE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host customer hearings in mid-June to take testimony on applications that are part of a proposed 500-kilovolt transmission line.

Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power have partnered to work on the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line. Plans call for the line to be 300 miles long. It will cross five Oregon counties and connect to Idaho Power’s existing Hemingway Substation in Idaho’s Owyhee County.

The two utilities have applied for certificates of public convenience and necessity as part of the project. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is a certificate granted to a utility that allows it to provide service to a new geographic area, enter into a franchise agreement, build and operate a new facility or build an extension of an existing facility.

Four customer hearings will be held to take testimony for the record. Those who plan to submit testimony are required to attend in-person. Those interested in listening only can call in.

A hearing to take testimony on Rocky Mountain Power’s application will be Monday, June 12, at the Idaho Falls Public Library, 457 W. Broadway Street. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or until all testimony

has been submitted, whichever comes first. To listen, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2465 142 0344. When prompted, please enter numeric password 925 67 866.

Customer hearings will be in Pocatello on June 13 and in Twin Falls on June 13 regarding Idaho Power's application. The Pocatello hearing will begin at 11:00 a.m. (MDT) at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Office, 1345 Barton Road. It will conclude at 2:00 p.m. or until all testimony has been submitted, whichever comes first. To listen to the hearing, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2461 541 7580. When prompted, please enter numeric password 993 93 292.

The Twin Falls hearing will be in the Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School, 1615 Filer Avenue East. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or until all testimony has been submitted, whichever comes first. To listen to the hearing, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2466 427 3060. When prompted, please enter numeric password 653 89 279.

The final hearing to take testimony on Idaho Power's application will be in Boise on Wednesday, June 14, at the Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and end at 9:00 p.m. or until all testimony has been submitted, whichever comes first. To listen, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2452 650 4011. When prompted, please enter numeric password 447 89 853.

The Commission is accepting written comments on Idaho Power's application until May 23, 2023, and on Rocky Mountain Power's application until May 25, 2023. To submit comments on Rocky Mountain Power's application online, please visit the Commission's homepage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page and complete the form using Case Number PAC-E-23-01. To file by e-mail, comments should be sent to the Commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the e-mail addresses listed below.

## COMMISSION APPROVES IDAHO POWER APPLICATIONS THAT WILL CHANGE RATES

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved two Idaho Power applications that will change customer rates.

The utility received approval for its power cost adjustment (PCA) rates and fixed cost adjustment (FCA) rates.

The PCA allows Idaho Power to increase or decrease the PCA rates to reflect the utility's annual costs of supplying power. Because of a diverse generation portfolio, Idaho Power's actual costs of providing electricity varies annually depending on factors such as river streamflow, the amount of purchased power, fuel costs, and the market price of power, among other factors. The annual PCA is combined with Idaho Power's base rates to create a customer's overall energy rate. The PCA can only be used to pay power supply expenses. Neither Idaho Power or its shareholders receive a financial return from the PCA.

To assist customers, this year's PCA will be spread equally over two years to mitigate impacts on customers. For the average residential customer using 950 kilowatt-hours per month, the expected increase is approximately \$12.72 per month.

The FCA annually adjusts rates up or down to recover the difference between the fixed costs authorized by the Commission and the actual fixed costs Idaho Power recovers from customers for the sale of electricity during the previous year. Fixed costs are a utility's costs to provide service that do not vary with fluctuations in energy consumption. Variable costs change based on the energy generated and consumed. The FCA applies to residential and small commercial customers.

A typical residential customer using 950 kilowatt-hours per month will see an approximate \$1.66 decrease in their monthly bill from June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024. This represents a 1.56 percent decrease. This decrease also will apply to small general service customers for the same timeframe.

Accounting for the PCA and FCA, residential customers will see an increase of 10.34 percent, small general service customers will see an increase of 8.08 percent, large general service customers will see an increase of 16.19 percent, large power customers will see an increase of 20.26 percent and irrigation customers will see an increase of 15.01 percent. A typical residential customer will see an overall monthly increase of \$11.06 between the two filings.

## VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED ON IDAHO POWER APPLICATION TO INCREASE RATES AND CHARGES

Online public workshops will be held on Aug. 14 and Aug. 15 to share information on an application from Idaho Power to increase the rates and charges to offer electric service.

The utility is seeking approval from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to increase overall rates by 8.61 percent.

The online workshops will be hosted by Commission staff. An overview of the utility's application will be presented, and staff will be available to answer questions from the public. The first workshop is on Monday, Aug. 14, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time and ending at 9:00 p.m. or after all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2631 958 1582 when prompted. To participate online, visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2631 958 1582 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: MondayWorkshop. 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.

The second workshop is Tuesday, Aug. 15, beginning at 12:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time and ending at 3:00 p.m., or after all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2630 644 9497 when prompted. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2630 644 9497 when prompted. Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: TuesdayWorkshop. 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.

## WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR IDAHO POWER APPLICATION TO CHANGE ON-SITE AND SELF-GENERATION TARIFFS

Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will hold two public, online workshops to share information on an Idaho Power application that is seeking to make changes to the utility's on-site and self-generation tariffs.

Idaho Power is asking the Commission to allow real-time net billing with an avoided cost-based financial credit rate for exported energy, a methodology to determine annual updates to the export credit rate, a modified project eligibility cap for commercial, industrial and irrigation customers, related changes to the accounting for and transferability of excess net energy financial credits and updated tariff schedules needed to administer the modified on-site generation offering.

Staff will hold online workshops on Wednesday, Sept. 6, and Thursday, Sept. 7 to present information regarding the application and to answer questions.

The Sept. 6 workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or after all questions have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2630 705 2269 when prompted. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2630 705 2269 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: 0906Workshop. Then 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.

The Sept. 7 workshop will begin at 12:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time and conclude at 3:00 p.m. or after all questions have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2631 951 3680 when prompted. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2631 951 3680 (no spaces between numbers). Then click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter this password: 0907Workshop. Next, 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.

Written comments on Idaho Power’s application are being accepted until Oct. 12, 2023. Comments are required to be filed through the Commission’s website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment using the Commission website, please visit [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) and click on the “Case Comment Form” link that is on the upper left side of the page. When filling out the form, please use case number IPC-E-23-14. If using e-mail, comments need to be sent to the Commission secretary and Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below.

## IDAHO POWER APPLICATION TO EXPAND OPTIONAL CLEAN ENERGY OFFERINGS APPROVED BY COMMISSION

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Idaho Power that will allow the utility to expand optional clean energy offerings to customers.

The approval will allow Idaho Power to rename the existing Schedule 62 – Green Power Purchase Program Rider to Clean Energy Your Way. In addition, Idaho Power will be allowed to maintain and expand procurement options for the renewable energy certificate offering under the name Clean Energy Your Way – Flexible, establish a regulatory framework for a future voluntary subscription green power service offering named Clean Energy Your Way – Subscription and offer a tailored renewables option to the utility’s largest customers called Clean Energy Your Way – Construction.

Idaho Power said the Clean Energy Your Way – Flexible option would operate similarly to its existing Green Power Program. The utility asked for approval to expand renewable energy certificate purchase options to keep up with demand and satisfy customers with near-term clean energy goals that can be met with renewable energy certificates. Idaho Power proposed two options for customers regarding renewable energy certificates, the limited bulk purchase option and the renewable energy certificate “sleeve” option.

Under the limited bulk purchase option, the utility would buy a limited number of renewable energy certificates (not to exceed \$5,000 at any time); and sell them to interested customers later under customer-specific sale agreements. The “sleeve” option will allow Idaho Power to connect customers to non-company renewable energy certificate purchases. Idaho Power said this option would work similarly to the limited bulk purchase option, where the utility would sell procured renewable energy certificates to interested customers at cost. This option would not create proceeds that would pass through the utility’s power cost adjustment.

The Clean Energy Your Way – Subscription option will allow customers to subscribe to a portion of the output from a new renewable resource on the utility’s system. This option would be open to any customer. However, Idaho Power proposed an individual customer cap of 15 percent of program activity. The proposed individual subscription size would be based on a customer’s average prior year energy usage.

The Clean Energy Your Way – Construction option offers large customers a tailored approach to cover 100 percent of their energy use with a new renewable resource. A customer’s energy usage is reconciled against the generation of a renewable resource, or resources, on an hourly basis.

## CUSTOMER HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON IDAHO POWER APPLICATION TO CHANGE ON-SITE AND SELF-GENERATION TARIFFS

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host customer hearings in Boise and Twin Falls to take testimony on an Idaho Power application to make changes to on-site and self-generation tariffs.

The utility is seeking approval from the Commission to allow real-time net billing with an avoided cost-based financial credit rate for exported energy, a methodology for determining annual updates to the export credit rate, a modified project eligibility cap for commercial, industrial, and irrigation customers, related changes to the accounting for and transferability of excess net energy financial credits and updated tariff schedules needed to administer the modified on-site generation offering.

The two hearings will allow those interested to submit testimony that will become part of the formal record. The hearing in Boise will be Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023. It will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. The hearing will be held at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2631 928 7050 when prompted. Testimony will not be taken over the phone.

The hearing in Twin Falls will be on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. The hearing will be at the American Legion Post 7 Building, 447 Seastrom Street, Twin Falls, ID 83301. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2630 970 9750 when prompted. Testimony will not be taken over the phone.

Written comments on Idaho Power's application are being accepted until Nov. 8, 2023. Comments are required to be filed through the Commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit the Commission's homepage at [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-23-14 when filling out the form. To file by e-mail, the customer is required to submit comments to the Commission secretary and Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below.

### **Rocky Mountain Power**

## COMMISSION SCHEDULES PUBLIC WORKSHOP, HEARING ON ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES.

Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will host a public and customer workshop as well as a public hearing regarding an application from Rocky Mountain Power to change its rates.

The utility, which serves approximately 86,500 customers in eastern Idaho, is asking for Commission approval to gradually transition, over five years, an increase to the customer service charge for two residential rate schedules to \$29.25 per month and at the same time reduce energy charges proportionately. This change is proposed for Electric Service Schedule No. 1 – residential service, and Electric Service Schedule No. 36 – optional time-of-day residential service.

The utility also proposes to eliminate inclining block tiered rates for Schedule 1, so that the current first- and second-tier energy charge rates would be the same within a season. The application also asks for approval to change the time of use periods in Schedule 36, so the definitions of on- and off-peak periods match those listed on Electric Service Schedule 9 (general service – high voltage).

Staff with the Commission will host a customer and public workshop to share information regarding the application on Tuesday, March 14, at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional office in Idaho Falls, 4279 Commerce Cir. The workshop will start at 6:00 p.m. (MDT). Customers and the public can attend in-person or online. To listen to the workshop, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2457 690 7571. To watch the workshop online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2457 690 7571. At the next window, please enter your name, e-mail address and this password: March14Workshop. During the workshop, customers and the public will have the opportunity to ask staff questions about the application.

The workshop will conclude at 9:00 p.m. (MDT) or until all questions have been answered, whichever comes first.

The Commission also will host a customer and public hearing on Tuesday, April 18, starting at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional office in Idaho Falls, 4279 Commerce Cir. The hearing is being held to take testimony that will become part of the record. Those interested in submitting testimony are required to attend in-person. Those interested in listening only and not submitting testimony can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2464 260 4164.

The hearing will conclude at 9:00 p.m. (MDT) or until all testimony has been submitted, whichever comes first.

## COMMISSION SCHEDULES ONLINE PUBLIC WORKSHOPS ON TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host public workshops on April 17 and April 19 to share information on applications from two electric utilities that have applied for permits to build a 500-kilovolt transmission line.

Rocky Mountain Power and Idaho Power have applied for certificates of public convenience and necessity as part of the process to build the Boardman-to-Hemingway transmission line, which they will co-own. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is a permit granted to a utility that allows it to provide service to a new geographic area, enter into a franchise agreement, build and operate a new facility or build an extension of an existing facility. The permit covers activities that are outside of a utility's usual course of business.

Rocky Mountain Power said the transmission line is needed to create lower-cost and more reliable electricity transmission service for its growing customer load and to avoid spending more for higher-cost generation and transmission resources.

Idaho Power said population and business growth in the region are increasing demand for electricity, and existing transmission lines can't carry additional electricity when it is most needed.

The workshop for Idaho Power's application will be Monday, April 17. Staff with the public utilities Commission will present information on the application and answer questions. It will start at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and end at 9:00 p.m., or after questions from the public have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2454 319 4150 when prompted. Next, enter this numeric password: 66632963. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2454 319 4150. Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: MondayMeeting. 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.

The workshop for Rocky Mountain Power's application will be Wednesday, April 19. Staff with the Commission will present information on the application and answer questions. It will start at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and end at 9:00 p.m., or after all questions from the public have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2459 471 9482 when prompted. Next, enter this numeric password: 93363732. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com), and enter meeting number 2459 471 9482. Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter the password WednesdayMeeting.

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.

Those interested in attending either workshop in-person can do so at the Commission’s office, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise.

The transmission line, once built, will be approximately 300 miles long and cross five counties in Oregon. It will connect to Idaho Power’s existing Hemingway Substation in Owyhee County in Idaho.

The Commission is accepting written comments on both applications until May 25, 2023. To submit comments on Rocky Mountain Power’s application online, please visit the Commission’s homepage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page and complete the form using Case Number PAC-E-23-01. To file by e-mail, comments should be sent to the Commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is not available, comments may be mailed to the Commission and the utility at these addresses:

To submit comments on Idaho Power’s application for its certificate of public convenience and necessity, please visit the Commission’s homepage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page and complete the form using Case Number IPC-E-23-01. To file by e-mail, comments should be sent to the Commission secretary and Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is not available, comments may be mailed to the Commission and the utility at these addresses:

## CUSTOMER HEARINGS SCHEDULED IN JUNE ON APPLICATIONS THAT WOULD ADVANCE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host customers hearings in mid-June to take testimony on applications that are part of a proposed 500-kilovolt transmission line.

Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power have partnered to work on the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line. Plans call for the line to be 300 miles long. It will cross five Oregon counties and connect to Idaho Power’s existing Hemingway Substation in Idaho’s Owyhee County.

The two utilities have applied for certificates of public convenience and necessity as part of the project. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is a certificate granted to a utility that allows it to provide service to a new geographic area, enter into a franchise agreement, build and operate a new facility or build an extension of an existing facility.

Four customer hearings will be held to take testimony for the record. Those who plan to submit testimony are required to attend in-person. Those interested in listening only can call in.

A hearing to take testimony on Rocky Mountain Power’s application will be Monday, June 12, at the Idaho Falls Public Library, 457 W. Broadway Street. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or until all testimony has been submitted, whichever comes first. To listen, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2465 142 0344. When prompted, please enter numeric password 925 67 866.

Customer hearings will be in Pocatello on June 13 and in Twin Falls on June 13 regarding Idaho Power’s application. The Pocatello hearing will begin at 11:00 a.m. (MDT) at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Office, 1345 Barton Road. It will conclude at 2:00 p.m. or until all testimony has been submitted, whichever comes first. To listen to the hearing, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2461 541 7580. When prompted, please enter numeric password 993 93 292.

The Twin Falls hearing will be in the Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School, 1615 Filer Avenue East. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and conclude at 9:00 p.m. or until all testimony has been submitted, whichever comes first. To listen

to the hearing, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2466 427 3060. When prompted, please enter numeric password 653 89 279.

The final hearing to take testimony on Idaho Power's application will be in Boise on Wednesday, June 14, at the Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and end at 9:00 p.m. or until all testimony has been submitted, whichever comes first. To listen, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2452 650 4011. When prompted, please enter numeric password 447 89 853.

The Commission is accepting written comments on Idaho Power's application until May 23, 2023, and on Rocky Mountain Power's application until May 25, 2023. To submit comments on Rocky Mountain Power's application online, please visit the Commission's homepage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page and complete the form using Case Number PAC-E-23-01. To file by e-mail, comments should be sent to the Commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is not available, comments may be mailed to the Commission and the utility at these addresses:

To submit comments on Idaho Power's application for its certificate of public convenience and necessity, please visit the Commission's homepage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page and complete the form using Case Number IPC-E-23-01. To file by e-mail, comments should be sent to the Commission secretary and Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below.

## COMMISSION APPROVES TWO APPLICATIONS THAT WILL CHANGE RATES FOR EASTERN IDAHO ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMERS

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved two applications submitted by Rocky Mountain Power that will change the rates the utility charges customers for electricity service. Rocky Mountain Power asked for approval to adjust rates under the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ECAM). The utility also asked for approval to implement a residential rate modernization plan.

The ECAM allows Rocky Mountain Power to increase or decrease rates each year to reflect changes in power supply costs. These costs vary year by year based on the utility's costs relating to gas, coal, surplus power sales, power purchases, and transmission costs. Rates for customers will increase from 1.6 percent to 3.0 percent depending on the category a customer is in. The monthly average bill for a residential customer using 783 kilowatt hours will increase by approximately \$1.57. Rocky Mountain Power will be allowed to recover \$32.5 million because of the approved changes.

In addition to the ECAM, the Commission approved a rate modernization plan that will be fully implemented over a five-year period. Rocky Mountain Power bills residential customers monthly. Customers pay a fixed service charge as well as an energy charge based on the amount of electricity used. The utility said the current \$8.00 per month customer service charge does not cover the fixed costs incurred by residential customers. Because of that, the recovery of fixed costs have been shifted to the volumetric energy charges.

Rocky Mountain Power asked for, and received, approval to increase the customer service charge for certain classes of customers from \$8.00 per month to \$29.25 per month over the course of five years. The volumetric energy charges will be lowered as the raises to the service charge are implemented.

## TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED TO TAKE TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED ASSET TRANSFER AGREEMENT

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host a telephonic public hearing on July 10 to take testimony on a proposed agreement that would transfer assets from Rocky Mountain Power to the city of Idaho Falls.



In an application submitted to the Commission, Rocky Mountain Power proposes to transfer assets located on or near Pioneer Road in Idaho Falls to the city. The application also outlines the city's compensation for the assets and compensation for the transfer of a Rocky Mountain Power customer to the city.

The telephonic hearing is Monday, July 10, at 11:00 a.m. to take testimony from the public and Rocky Mountain Power customers. Those interested in submitting testimony can call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2632 070 9027 when prompted. Next, please enter this numeric password: 282 48 429. Those planning to testify are encouraged to start calling in at 10:45 a.m. on July 10.

## COMMISSION APPROVES EASTERN IDAHO UTILITY'S APPLICATION TO DECREASE RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL FARM CREDIT

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Rocky Mountain Power to decrease the residential and small farm credit provided by the Bonneville Power Administration.

The Northwest Power Act of 1980 created the Residential Exchange Program that is administered by the Bonneville Power Administration. The program allows participating utilities to

pass the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system to eligible residential, small farm and irrigation customers through rate credits. Rocky Mountain Power asked the Commission to

approve a Schedule 34 Residential Exchange Program credit of \$0.007376 per kilowatt-hour for rate schedules 1, 6A, 7A, 10, 23A, 35A and 36. The utility asked that the new rate be effective from

Oct. 1, 2023, through Sept. 30, 2025.

The previous rate credit was \$0.010133 per kilowatt-hour. The change in the credit rate will increase the monthly power bill of a typical residential customer by \$2.27.

## COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGES EASTERN IDAHO ELECTRIC UTILITY'S INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has acknowledged Rocky Mountain Power's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to meet future energy and demand requirements for its customers.

The utility's IRP is filed with the Commission on a biennial basis. Rocky Mountain Power said the plan fulfills its commitment to develop a long-term resource plan that considers cost, risk, uncertainty and the public interest. The utility said the 2023 IRP preferred portfolio includes new resources from the 2020 all-Source Request for Proposals (RFP) including 1,792 megawatts ("MW") of wind and 495 MW of solar additions with 200 MW of battery storage capacity. The utility said these are scheduled to come online between 2024 and 2025.

Rocky Mountain Power's plan also calls for acquiring and repowering the Rock River I and Foote Creek II-IV wind projects in Wyoming. The utility also said the 2023 IRP preferred portfolio includes the 500 megawatt advanced nuclear Sodium demonstration project, which is anticipated to go online by the summer of 2030, 1,000 megawatts of additional advanced nuclear resources through 2033 and 1,240 megawatts of non-emitting peaking resources through 2037.

The preferred portfolio also includes construction of the Gateway South 416-mile 500-kilovolt transmission line that will connect southeastern Wyoming and northern Utah, the Gateway West Segment D.1 59-mile 230 kilovolt transmission line in eastern Wyoming and the Boardman to Hemingway 500 kilovolt, 290-mile transmission line across eastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho.

The Commission's acknowledgement of the integrated resource plan reflects that it is a working document that incorporates assumptions and projections at a specific point in time. The Commission acknowledges Rocky Mountain Power's ongoing planning process, not the conclusions or results reached through that process.

## **General**

### **CITING CONCERNS, COMMISSION DECLINES PARTICIPATION IN INITIATIVE TO CREATE WESTERN-BASED ENERGY MANAGEMENT GROUP**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission issued the following response regarding an invitation to participate in the West-Wide Governance Pathway Initiative:

Having considered the representations, actions, and current goals of the West-Wide Governance Pathway Initiative, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission unanimously chooses not to participate with the Initiative.

The IPUC's concerns include, among other things, that: (1) the Initiative has been less than transparent concerning its creating and funding; (2) there is no evidence that the Initiative's goal of independent governance is feasible without changes in California's legislation; (3) the Initiative's timeline of seating a board by January 2024 is premature and unrealistic; and (4) at its core, the Initiative presumes economic benefits for western states without justification or specifics.

"As always, the IPUC respects other Commission, State and Stakeholders' decisions concerning participation with the Initiative," Commission President Eric Anderson said. "However, given the IPUC's concerns, the inherent flaws in the creation of the Initiative, and the Initiative's current actions and goals, the IPUC does not see a viable path forward for the Initiative or that participation would result in any specific net economic benefits for Idaho customers."