

ELECTRIC



Avista Utilities*

2023 Average Number of Customers/Avg. Revenue/kwh**

366,450 Residential Customers/\$0.10578

45,341 Commercial Customers/\$0.10872

1,188 Industrial Customers/\$0.07190



Idaho Power Company

2023 Average Number of Customers/Avg. Revenue/kwh**

511,098 Residential Customers/\$0.1165

93,283 Commercial Customers/\$0.0908

125 Industrial Customers/\$0.0687



Rocky Mountain Power

2023 Average Number of Customers/Avg. Revenue/kwh**

73,216 Residential Customers/\$0.1117

10,951 Commercial Customers/\$0.0951

6,318 Industrial Customers/\$0.0760

*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 2024

Avista Utilities

Commission rejects application from electric utility and lumber company to amend power purchase agreement

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has declined an application from an electric utility and lumber company that would amend a power purchase agreement they entered into.

Avista Utilities and Stimson Lumber asked for commission approval to amend a power purchase agreement to account for anticipated periods when the lumber company would not be operating between Jan. 1, 2024, and Dec. 31, 2025. Stimson told Avista that the lumber company expects there to be extended periods when it would not be operating. However, the power purchase agreement they entered into requires Stimson to pay Avista a use-of-facilities charge during the entire power purchase agreement term.

A proposed amendment that the two submitted to the commission in their application would alter the requirement and allow Stimson to not pay the use-of-facilities charge for the months the lumber company was not operating.

Commission staff expressed concern the amendment would have a negative effective on other Avista ratepayers when the lumber company was idle. The use-of-facilities charge is based on an annual amount of \$8,448, or \$704 per month. If the use-of-facilities rate is charged at a monthly rate of \$704 for only the months when Stimson's facilities were used, the annual use-of-facilities charge would be below the \$8,448 annual rate needed, with other customers paying the difference.

The commission, after reviewing the application, determined the request to amend the power purchase agreement to not pay the use-of-facilities charge was not fair, just or reasonable in certain situations because it would shift the recovery of costs to other customers. The commission understood Avista's wish to charge Stimson a lower rate tied to the months Stimson uses the facilities. However, that type of design would alter the purpose of use-of-facilities fees.

Additional information is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7266.

Commission approves petition granting temporary waiver of master metering prohibition

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a petition that will allow a northern Idaho electric utility

to continue to provide service to the Clearwater Paper Corporation while it sells its consumer products division to another company.

In late September, Clearwater Paper, Avista Utilities and Sofidel America Corp. filed a joint petition with the commission asking that it approve a contract between Sofidel and Clearwater, and provide a temporary waiver of Avista's tariff that prohibited master-metering of electric services.

The companies said Clearwater Paper entered into an agreement to sell its consumer products division (a tissue plant) to Sofidel, and said each company would separately contract with Avista to receive electric service and energy pursuant to Avista's approved tariffs. However, because Avista's current electrical infrastructure was designed and built to serve an integrated single entity, it was not possible for Avista to separately meter and serve the tissue plant as an individual customer. The companies also said it may take up to three years for Avista to build the required infrastructure to provide separate metering to the companies.

In its decision to approve the temporary waiver, the commission found it was fair, just and reasonable to do so. The commission is requiring Avista to submit infrastructure project status reports beginning on May 31, 2025, and every six months thereafter. The waiver will be in effect until Avista is able to provide separate metering to the companies.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7419.

Commission approves fixed cost adjustment and power cost adjustment applications for electric utility

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved two applications from Avista Utilities that will result in a decrease in rates the utility's customers pay.

Avista Utilities filed a power cost adjustment (PCA) and a fixed cost adjustment (FCA) with the commission in late July.

The PCA is an annual rate adjustment that is made to reflect the difference between the actual cost of generating and buying electric power to serve customers and the cost currently included in customer rates. Avista Utilities said that over the last year, power supply costs were lower than those included in retail rates due to higher wholesale electric gas prices. The PCA was adjusted after being reviewed by commission staff.

The FCA is a mechanism designed to break the link between a utility's revenues and customers' energy usage. According to Avista Utilities, the proposed FCA rate adjustments were primarily driven by variations in 2023 customer usage related to weather and savings from participating in energy programs.

Residential electric customers in Idaho using an average of 927 kilowatt hours per month will see their monthly bills decrease from \$104.18 to \$101.09, a decrease of \$3.09 each month beginning Oct. 1, 2024.

Additional information on the commission's approval and the filings from Avista is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7343 and puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7344.

Public comment is being accepted on electric utility’s power cost adjustment application

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on Avista Utilities’ power cost adjustment application for the electric service it offers.

The power cost adjustment is a mechanism used to track changes in revenues and costs associated with variations in hydroelectric generation, secondary prices, thermal fuel costs, and changes in power contract revenues and expenses. Avista Utilities is proposing a rate adjustment of 0.205 cents per kilowatt-hour. If the commission approves the application, approximately \$6.6 million would be rebated to customers effective Oct. 1, 2024. Avista said the rebate is primarily associated with power supply costs that were lower than those included in retail rates, due to lower wholesale electric and natural gas prices.

The commission is accepting written comments on Avista’s application until Sept. 11, 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 and click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number AVU-E-24-07 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 Avista at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters should include their name, address and case number AVU-E-24-07. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Avista at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number AVU-E-24-07.

Additional information on Avista’s application is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7343.

Commission approves power purchase agreement between Avista Utilities and Ford Hydro

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a power purchase agreement (PPA) between Avista Utilities and Ford Hydro that will allow Avista to buy power from Ford Hydro.

A previous PPA expired on June 30, 2024. In a joint petition filed with the commission, Avista and Ford Hydro said the proposed PPA would expire on June 30, 2026. The parties also said the new proposed PPA largely parallels the previous PPA but has been updated to reflect or clarify language regarding commission mandates related to the 90/110 Rule, the PPA’s provisions regarding the modifications to the Ford Hydro facility and the necessity of obtaining commission approval for amending the PPA.

The commission has approved the PPA with the requirement that a compliance filing be submitted to the commission within 30 days of Aug. 5, 2024. The compliance filing will address renewable energy credits and technology type, avoided cost rates, lapsed contract period and other items.

Ford Hydro operates a hydroelectric facility near Weippe, Idaho, that is capable of generating up to approximately 1.499 megawatts of energy. Avista Utilities provides electricity to customers in northern Idaho.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7313.

Commission approves utility application to update costs and administrative changes to electric line extension schedule 51

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Avista Utilities that will allow it to update costs and administrative changes to the utility's electric line extension Schedule 51.

This schedule incorporates the average costing for electric facilities commonly used to extend service. Schedule 51 sets forth basic and exceptional costs that have a fixed and variable component. The variable component is stated on a cost-per-foot basis. The basic and exceptional costs apply to infrastructure like transformers and conduit, and are based on recent average costs.

Avista updated the allowances for new residential, industrial and commercial customers' services. The updated allowances are based on an embedded cost method which seeks to ensure investments in facilities for new customers track embedded costs included in base rates. Costs that exceed the allowance must be paid by the customer and will be booked as a contribution in aid of construction.

The utility said the primary driver of higher costs are increased labor and transformer costs. Avista also said demand outpaces supply in the utility sector, driving prices upward.

The commission reviewed Avista's application and found it fair, just and reasonable to approve it.

Additional information on the application and the commission's approval of it is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7295.

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The utility said the primary driver of higher costs are increased labor and transformer costs. Avista also said demand outpaces supply in the utility sector, driving prices upward.

The commission is accepting writing comments on the utility's application until May 1, 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 and click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number AVU-E-24-05 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 Avista at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Avista at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number AVU-E-24-05.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7295.

Comments are being accepted on proposed service allocation agreement in northern Idaho

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on a proposed service allocation agreement between Avista Utilities and Kootenai Electric Cooperative.

The proposed agreement addresses the allocation of service territory within the Prairie Regional Shopping Center in Post Falls, Idaho. If approved by the commission, four lots within the development would be served by Avista and ten lots served by Kootenai Electric.

A service allocation agreement can be approved as long as it doesn’t conflict with the Electric Supplier Stabilization Act. The act is designed to promote harmony between electricity suppliers, prohibit the pirating of customers, discourage duplication of electric facilities, stabilize service territories and stabilize consumers.

Avista said the approval will avoid unnecessary future disputes, needless duplication of facilities and ensure the best possible electric service to Avista and Kootenai Electric customers.

The commission is accepting written comments on the proposed agreement until March 14, 2024. 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’s website, please visit 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-24-01 when filling out the form. If e-mail is being used, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Avista at the e-mail addresses listed below. Comments are required to include the sender’s name, address and case number AVU-E- 24-01.

Additional information is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7238.

Commission acknowledges utility’s electric Integrated Resource Plan

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has acknowledged Avista Utility’s 2023 electric Integrated Resource Plan.

The plan, filed every two years by Avista, is used to guide the utility’s resource acquisitions. In addition, the plan explains Avista’s current load/resource position, expected response to possible future events and the role of conservation. Integrated resource plans also examine load forecast uncertainties, the effects of known or potential changes to existing resources, a consideration of demand and supply-side resource options and contingencies for upgrading, optioning and acquiring resources at optimum times.

Commission staff, after reviewing the plan, identified areas that future plans should consider. These include environmental legislation from Washington state, Western Resource Adequacy Program Planning requirements, and planning reserve margin and demand side management programs. Staff also recommended that Avista improve the integrated resource plan reliability analysis to measure resource adequacy metrics on all portfolios under evaluation across the utility's full planning horizon, and report to the public utilities commission regarding the status of Washington state's Climate Commitment Act rules and their impact on Idaho customers, among other items.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7061.

Written comments are being accepted on utility's application to create rate schedule for electric vehicle charging stations

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until late February on an application from Avista Utilities to create an electric tariff Schedule 23, also known as a "direct current fast charging rate option."

This option is designed to give commercial electric-vehicle charging station owners a way to reduce market barriers associated with existing rate options. Charging station owners in Idaho using direct current fast charging would pay a certain rate for the service if Avista's application is approved by the commission. This rate would include a monthly fixed demand charge as well as a rate of \$0.085 for the first 250,000 kilowatt hours per month and a reduced rate of \$0.073 after using more than 250,000 kilowatt hours per month.

The commission is accepting written comments on the utility's application until Feb. 21, 2024. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's homepage or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment through the commission's homepage, please visit 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-23-16 when filling out the form. If submitting comments using e-mail, please send comments 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 the utility at these addresses:

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7196.

Idaho Power Company

Commission is accepting written comments on Idaho Power's continued involvement in the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on an application from Idaho Power to continue its involvement in the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance from 2025 to 2030.

The alliance consists of more than 140 utilities working to maximize energy efficiency in the Northwest, and Idaho Power said it is an active member.

In addition to seeking commission approval to continue its involvement in the organization, Idaho

Power is asking that its participation be funded through the Idaho Energy Efficiency Rider. The rider is a monthly surcharge on customers' bills that funds Idaho Power's energy efficiency programs and reduce electricity demand.

The commission is accepting written comments on Idaho Power's application until Nov. 9, 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 and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-24-35 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-24-35. 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-24-35.

Commission approves territory allocation agreements in southern Idaho

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved territory allocation agreements between Idaho Power and United Electric Co-op that will allow customers to receive service from United Electric for an irrigation pump and residence.

Idaho Power and United Electric said it would be less expensive for the customers to interconnect to United Electric's system than Idaho Power's.

A territory allocation agreement can be approved as long as it doesn't conflict with the Electric Supplier Stabilization Act. The act is designed to promote harmony between electricity suppliers, prohibit the pirating of customers, discourage duplication of electric facilities, stabilize service territories and stabilize consumers.

In reaching its decision, the commission determined the territory allocation agreements followed the Electric Supplier Stabilization Act because they avoid the duplication of facilities and promote harmony between the two utilities.

Additional information is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7210 and puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7211.

Customer hearings scheduled for December to take testimony on Idaho Power application to increase rates

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host customer hearings in early December to take testimony on an application from Idaho Power to change the rates it charges customers.

The utility said its application focuses on recovering costs associated with infrastructure investments and labor expenses that were not included in the company's last rate case. If the commission approves the request, the average Idaho residential customer using 950 kilowatt hours per month would see a monthly bill increase of approximately \$7.48. The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

Those interested in submitting testimony for the record can do so by attending a customer hearing in Twin Falls on Monday, Dec. 2, or on Tuesday, Dec. 3, in Boise.

The Dec. 2 hearing will be held at the Twin Falls American Legion Hall, 447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls, ID 83301. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (MST) and end at 7:00 p.m. or after all testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2861 889 4514 when prompted.

The hearing in Boise will be held at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Boulevard, Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID 83714. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (MST) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2869 194 4770 when prompted.

Intervenor deadline set in Idaho Power case involving irrigation peak rewards program and flex peak program

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set an intervenor deadline for an application submitted by Idaho Power to make changes to its irrigation peak rewards program and flex peak program.

Intervenors in a case submitted to the commission are allowed to participate in the proceedings for the application.

In 2009, Idaho Power created Schedule 82, under which eligible commercial and industrial customers that can offer an energy load reduction of at least 20 kilowatts can either manually, or using load control devices, automatically reduce their nominated load when Idaho Power calls for load control events. Load control events are when utilities ask customers to reduce their electricity usage during certain times. These events are triggered when a utility's grid is under high demand or experiencing an emergency. Schedule 82 participants then receive an incentive payment based on their performance in delivering their nominated load reduction during the load control events.

Schedule 23 was approved by the commission in January of 2024 and allows Idaho Power to turn off specific irrigation pipes for customers receiving service under Schedule 24 (agricultural irrigation service) in exchange for financial incentives.

Idaho Power said proposed changes to Schedules 23 and 82 are intended to increase transparency and participant satisfaction.

The changes Idaho Power is proposing include changing a variable payment so it begins on the fourth load control event rather than the fifth event. Because there are required to be a minimum of three events per season, Idaho Power said beginning the variable payments after the three minimum events would provide greater clarity to customers. Another proposed change involves an early interruption option to Schedule 23 customers. Early interruption would allow customers who wanted to participate, but also desire a cut-off time of 9:00 p.m., to participate at a reduced rate. An extended interruption option for Schedule 23 customers can last until 11:00 p.m.

Idaho Power said the increased flexibility provided by offering early interruption would allow for more

participation.

The utility also is proposing to add an incentive to Schedule 82 for customers who chose to use load control devices. This reimbursement would be the lesser of \$1,500 or the cost of installation. Idaho Power said the program's reliability would increase if more customers used load control devices.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7424.

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

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 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 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.

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

Commission approves market purchase agreement between Idaho Power and Powerex Corp.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Idaho Power that will allow it to buy electricity from Powerex Corp.

In its application to the commission, Idaho Power said a proposed market purchase agreement will allow it to buy 200 megawatts of firm capacity from June through September between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., seven days a week. Firm capacity is a guarantee of a level of supplied power committed to by Powerex as long as the purchase agreement is active.

The utility said its system would require approximately 236 megawatts of additional capacity by 2026 to meet system reliability requirements, and that the market purchase agreement will begin on June 1, 2026. The agreement has a five-year term that begins when the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line project starts to transmit power, and the agreement allows for a bridge term to buy and receive the power in the event that the Boardman to Hemingway line is not in service as of June 1, 2026.

The commission determined the market purchase agreement is fair, just and reasonable.

Additional information on Idaho Power's application is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7287.

Virtual public workshops will be held in early September on Idaho Power application to increase rates

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host an online workshop on Sept. 4 and Sept. 5 to share information on an application from Idaho Power to change the rates it charges customers.

The utility said its application focuses on recovering costs associated with infrastructure investments and labor expenses that were not included in the company's last rate case. If the commission approves the request, the average Idaho residential customer using 950 kilowatt hours per month would see a monthly bill increase of approximately \$7.48. The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

Public utilities commission staff will host an online workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 4, to share information on the application and answer questions. The workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. MDT and end at 9:00 p.m., or until all customer questions have been answered, whichever comes first. To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2633 626 2353 when prompted.

To participate online, please visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2633 626 2353 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter this password: IdahoPower. 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 will be held Thursday, Sept. 5. Commission staff will share information on the application and answer questions. It will begin at 12:00 p.m. MDT and end at 3:00 p.m., or until 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 764 8146 when prompted.

To participate online, please visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2630 764 8146 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter this password: IdahoPower. 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.

Additional information on Idaho Power’s application is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7268.

Commission is accepting written comments on utility’s application to include non-fuel operations and maintenance expenses in balancing account

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on an application from Idaho Power to include non-fuel operations and maintenance expenses associated with plant operations in the Jim Bridger Power Plant balancing account.

The power plant is located near Rock Springs, Wyoming, and consists of four generating units. PacifiCorp has two-thirds ownership of the plant and is the operator of it. Idaho Power owns one-third of the plant. Idaho Power and PacifiCorp jointly make decisions regarding the plant, including required investments and the retirement of the plant.

Idaho Power’s coal plants have transitioned in recent years to having a lifespan dictated by economic and regulatory factors. The utility said because the economic and regulatory factors that will determine the plant’s actual operating life are likely to shift and change over the next years, it was important for the utility to have a cost recovery mechanism that could mitigate rate volatility that would otherwise exist under a more traditional ratemaking approach. In a previous order, the public utilities commission approved a balancing account mechanism that is designed to smooth revenue requirement impacts associated with the elimination of coal-fired operations at the plant and full recovery of coal-related costs by Dec. 31, 2030.

Idaho Power and PacifiCorp are in the process of converting the plant from coal-fired to a natural gas plant. Once gas-fired operations begin, the utilities will be required to make capital investments necessary for operation. In addition, non-fuel operation and maintenance expenses will continue, including costs for day-to-day supervision, maintenance, administration and general operation. Non-fuel operation and maintenance expenses include labor expenses, non-labor project costs such as

materials and supplies, use of contractors and outside services, equipment and vehicles, equipment leases, travel, environmental remediation costs, and administrative and general expenses, among other items.

The commission is accepting written comments on Idaho Power’s application until Aug. 20, 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 and click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-24-14 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-24-14. 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-24-14.

Additional information on Idaho Power’s application is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7293.

Commission issues decision on Idaho Power application to make changes to flex peak program

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has issued a decision regarding an application from Idaho Power to make changes to its Schedule 82 – Flex Peak Program.

This voluntary demand response program offers industrial and large commercial customers an opportunity to reduce their electrical loads for short periods during the summer. The flex peak program reduces generation and transmission requirements to serve customers on days when the utility’s system’s capacity could be constrained. Industrial and commercial customers that participate are offered incentive payments.

Idaho Power submitted an application to modify certain payment structures, add a waiver provision covering participating customers whose load control device fails, revise the definition of “day of” load adjustment, establish an option to extend the four-hour notification limit for certain customers and add definitions for certain terms along with other minor updates related to the other proposed changes.

In early April, the commission approved the utility’s application with certain modifications. The commission directed Idaho Power to submit a compliance filing for Schedule 82 to include language for the advanced notification option as a pilot program as recommended by commission staff, additional language on the “day of load” adjustment and correcting the inadvertent change to Sheet No. 82-5 that allows participants to change load nominations during a program week.

In mid-April, Idaho Power submitted the required filing, and the commission approved it in May.

Additional information on the utility’s application and the commission’s approval is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7170.

Idaho Power files application seeking approval of energy sales agreement

Idaho Power has filed an application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission asking for approval of an energy sales agreement with BP Hydro Associates.

If approved, the application would allow Idaho Power to buy energy from the Rock Creek II Hydro Project in Twin Falls. Idaho Power is also asking that the payments for buying the electricity be declared as prudently incurred expenses for ratemaking purposes. The energy sales agreement would provide for the sale of electricity for a 20-year term at non-levelized, non-seasonal hydro published avoided cost rates.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

Written comments on the application are being accepted until April 18, 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 and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-24-09 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. 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 mail are required to include their name, address and case number IPC-E-24-09.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7278.

Commission approves proposed Idaho Power asset transfer in Valley County

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a proposed land transfer from Idaho Power to a private party.

The utility asked for approval from the commission to transfer a 1.2-acre strip of a former Union Pacific Railroad line while retaining a powerline easement over the land. Idaho Power will sell the property for \$2,000. It said the transfer is intended to relieve the utility of maintenance costs related to the property without relinquishing the right to use it for a transmission corridor in the future.

In 1985, Idaho Power obtained approximately 90 acres of abandoned railroad line in Valley County from the Union Pacific Railroad, intending to use the land for a transmission corridor. Subsequently, Idaho Power has sold various parcels of the former railroad line to adjacent landowners while retaining easements authorizing the utility to build a transmission line in the future.

Additional information is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7204.

Commission issues order on Idaho Power on-site and self-generation tariffs

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission on Friday issued an order regarding the terms of Idaho Power's on-site and self-generation tariffs.

Idaho Power asked the commission to approve 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 necessary to administer the modified on-site generation offering.

In making its decision on Idaho Power's application, the commission recognized that the fundamental purpose of on-site generation is to offset a customer's own usage, that on-site generation should not create cost shifting between generators and non-generators, and that on-site generators should be given a fair value for their exported energy. In addition, the commission worked to accurately assign the appropriate share of fixed costs and unquantified benefits of on-site customer generation, and to provide a reasonable balance between the interests of customers with on-site generation and customers without it.

The commission approved Idaho Power's application to implement a real-time net billing export credit rate in accordance with the application as modified by the utility's revised proposal and the provisions of the commission's decision.

Additional information is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7033.

Written comments are being accepted on Idaho Power application to make changes to a flex peak program it offers

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until late January on an Idaho Power application to make changes to its Schedule 82 – Flex Peak Program.

This voluntary demand response program offers industrial and large commercial customers an opportunity to reduce their electrical loads for short periods during the summer. The flex peak program reduces generation and transmission requirements to serve customers on days when the utility's system's capacity could be constrained. Industrial and commercial customers that participate are offered incentive payments.

Idaho Power submitted an application to modify certain payment structures, add a waiver provision covering participating customers whose load control device fails, revise the definition of "day of" load adjustment, establish an option to extend the four-hour notification limit for certain customers and add definitions for certain terms along with other minor updates related to the other proposed changes. The utility is asking that its application be effective on April 15, 2024.

The commission is accepting written comments until Jan. 25, 2024. 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's website, please visit 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-23-24 when filling out the form. Comments submitted using e-mail are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Idaho Power at the addresses listed below. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Idaho Power at these addresses:

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7170.

Commission approves settlement on proposed Idaho Power rate increases

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a settlement that will change rates for Idaho

Power customers beginning in January.

In reaching its decision, the commission determined the settlement attempted to reach a balance between customers' desires for a smaller rate increase and the utility's recovery of the costs it incurs to provide safe and reliable service in addition to an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return. The settlement, among other things, reduces Idaho Power's initial proposed base revenue increase of \$111,304,981 million to \$54.7 million. The commission also found that the settlement allows the utility to operate sustainably while reducing the effects of the rate increase on customers.

Numerous groups were involved in reaching the settlement. They include the City of Boise, Clean Energy Opportunities for Idaho, the Idaho Conservation League, the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, Micron Technology, Idahydro, Industrial Customers of Idaho Power, NW Energy Coalition and Walmart.

Additional information is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7022.

Telephonic public hearing scheduled on proposed asset transfer in Valley County

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a telephonic public hearing in early January on a proposed land transfer from Idaho Power to a private party.

The utility is asking for approval to transfer a 1.2-acre strip of a former Union Pacific Railroad line while retaining a powerline easement over the land. Idaho Power is asking to sell the property for \$2,000. It said the transfer is intended to relieve the utility of maintenance costs related to the property without relinquishing the right to use it for a transmission corridor in the future.

The telephonic public hearing will be held Friday, Jan. 5, at 11:00 a.m. Those interested in submitting testimony can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2634 051 1085 when prompted. It is encouraged to start calling in to the hearing at about 10:45 a.m.

The public utilities commission is accepting written comments on the proposed transfer until Jan. 18, 2024. Comments are required to be submitted through the commission's homepage or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. Comments can be submitted by visiting puc.idaho.gov and clicking on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number IPC-E-23-31 when filling out the form. Comments filed by e-mail must also be submitted to the commission and Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is not available, comments should be sent to the commission and the utility at these addresses:

Additional information is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7204.

Comments are being accepted on Idaho Power's Integrated Resource Plan

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments until mid- February on Idaho Power's integrated resource plan (IRP).

The IRP spells out how the utility will meet forecasted energy demand using both supply and demand side resources to ensure reliable service to customers.

The commission is accepting written comments on the IRP until Feb. 15, 2024. 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's website, please visit puc.idaho.gov and click on the "Case Comment Form" link that is on the upper left side of the page. Please complete the form using case number IPC-E-23-23. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the commission secretary and the parties listed below. Those submitting comments using e-mail are required to provide their name, address, and case number IPC-E-23-23.

If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and the parties listed below. Those submitting comments are required to provide their name, address and case number IPC-E-23-23. Submitted comments constitute a public record, and are available for public and media inspection.

The commission does not approve or deny the IRP. It acknowledges the plan has been filed with the commission.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7146.

Riverside Electric Company

Electric utility submits applications seeking approval to enter into service territory agreements

The Riverside Electric Company has submitted three applications to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission asking for approval to enter into service territory agreements with Farmers Electric Company, the city of Rupert and East End Mutual Electric.

These electric companies offer service to customers in the Burley/Rupert area.

Service territory agreements are required to comply with the terms spelled out in the Electric Supplier Stabilization Act, which prohibits an electric supplier from serving another electric supplier's existing or former customers. In addition, Idaho code clarifies that the stabilization act is designed to promote harmony between electric suppliers, prohibit the pirating of utility customers, discourage duplication of electric facilities and stabilize service territories and consumers.

The commission can approve the applications, deny them or modify them.

Written comments are being accepted on all three applications until April 24, 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 and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use the case number for which comments are being submitted when filling out the form – C12-E-24-01, C12-E-24-02, or C12-E-24-03. The commenter should also include their name and address. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and the utilities listed below. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and utilities at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through mail are required to include their name, address and the case number they are commenting on – C12-E-24-01, C12-E-24-02 or C12-E-24-03.

Rocky Mountain Power

Commission denies electric utility's appeal seeking recovery of costs associated with Washington state's climate commitment act

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has denied Rocky Mountain Power's request that the commission reconsider Order No. 36207, which disallowed the recovery of costs the utility incurred to comply with the Washington Climate Commitment Act ("WCCA").

Order No. 36207 allowed Rocky Mountain Power to recover \$60,093,960 of the approximately \$62.4 million it requested through the utility's Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism ("ECAM"). The ECAM allows Rocky Mountain Power to regularly adjust its price for electricity to reflect fluctuations in the cost of fuel or purchased power used to supply electricity.

The Washington Climate Commitment Act establishes requirements designed to reduce certain greenhouse gas emissions from generating plants in Washington state. Rocky Mountain Power operates a natural gas-fired generating facility in Chehalis, Washington, that exports a portion of the electricity it generates there to Idaho customers. The Chehalis facility releases carbon dioxide for which the utility must purchase and retire "allowances" through the Washington Department of Ecology. Each allowance allows for the emission of one metric ton of carbon dioxide. To ensure that certain legislative emissions standards are met, Washington's Department of Ecology will issue a decreasing number of those allowances in coming years.

In June of 2024, Rocky Mountain Power filed a petition for reconsideration of Order No. 36207. In its petition, Rocky Mountain Power argued the commission erred in disallowing recovery of its WCCA compliance costs by misinterpreting the 2020 PacifiCorp Inter-Jurisdictional Protocol in various ways, impermissibly separating the costs and benefits of the natural gas-fired generating facility in Chehalis, Washington, and discriminating against the utility for engaging in interstate commerce.

The commission, in its decision to deny the petition, said allowing recovery of costs incurred to comply with the WCCA from Idaho customers would violate the 2020 Protocol, which governs the allocation of costs and benefits of company resources (including company-owned generating facilities like the Chehalis facility) across the jurisdictions in which the utility operates.

If it was not allowed to recover WCCA compliance costs, Rocky Mountain Power asserted the commission should revise Order No. 36207 to exclude the costs and benefits of the Chehalis facility from Idaho customers' rates, which would effectively remove Chehalis from service to Idaho customers.

Additional information on the commission's decision is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7292.

Telephonic public hearing scheduled for proposed asset transfer agreement between city of Idaho Falls and electric utility

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is holding a telephonic public hearing in November to take testimony on a proposed asset transfer agreement between the city of Idaho Falls and Rocky

Mountain Power.

If the agreement is approved by the commission, Rocky Mountain Power would transfer assets located in Idaho Falls to the city. The utility said the proposed agreement is in the public interest because it reduces service duplication while also compensating the utility.

The telephonic hearing will be Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. (MST). The hearing is being held to take testimony from members of the public and utility customers. Those wanting to submit testimony for the record can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2630 112 3561 when prompted.

The commission is accepting written comments on the proposed transfer until Oct. 31, 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 and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number PAC-E-24-11 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 the other parties at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters should include their name, address and case number PAC-E-24-11. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and the other parties at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number PAC-E-24-11.

Additional information on the proposed transfer is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7405.

Commission schedules virtual workshop to share information on electric utility's proposed rate increase

Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will hold a virtual, public workshop on Sept. 25 to share information on an application from Rocky Mountain Power to increase its rates.

The workshop will be Wednesday, Sept. 25, and will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT). Commission staff will provide an overview of Rocky Mountain Power's application, its proposed rate increase and the potential impact on customers. Commission staff will also be available to answer questions regarding the application.

Rocky Mountain Power is seeking commission approval to increase rates for the average residential customer by 17.9 percent, or about \$19.90 on Jan. 1, 2025. The utility also is seeking commission approval to increase rates by 5.3 percent, or about \$6.94 on Jan. 1, 2026. The commission can approve, deny or modify the utility's application.

To participate online, please visit idahogov.webex.com and enter meeting number 2634 899 5653 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Workshop. Next, please click on the "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 2634 899 5653 when prompted.

Additional information on Rocky Mountain Power’s application is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7285.

Public comments are being accepted until mid-September on Rocky Mountain Power’s 2024-26 Idaho Wildfire Mitigation Plan

The plan describes the utility’s efforts to mitigate wildfire risks and offers information on investments to build, maintain and operate electrical lines and equipment in a manner that will minimize wildfire risk. The plan also includes information on a baseline risk analysis and descriptions of inspection procedures, vegetation management practices, system hardening efforts, public safety power shutoff protocols, cost forecasts and other technical information relevant to wildfire risk mitigation efforts.

Rocky Mountain Power serves customers in eastern Idaho.

Comments are being accepted until Sept. 12, 2024. Comments are required to be filed through the commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, please visit puc.idaho.gov and click on the “Case Comment Form” link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number PAC-E-24-09 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below. Please use case number PAC-E-24-09. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number PAC-E- 24-09, their name and address.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7305.

Commission grants electric utility’s application for reconsideration

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has granted a petition for reconsideration filed by Rocky Mountain Power in a case involving costs incurred to comply with the State of Washington’s Climate Commitment Act (WCCA).

In a previous application to the commission, Rocky Mountain Power applied for approval of approximately \$62.4 million in Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism deferred costs. The commission approved the majority of the costs, with the exception of \$2.3 million. Rocky Mountain Power incurred this amount to comply with WCCA.

WCCA establishes requirements designed to reduce certain greenhouse gas emissions from generating plants in Washington State. Rocky Mountain Power operates a natural gas-fired generating facility in Chehalis, Washington, that exports a portion of the electricity it generates there to Idaho customers. The Chehalis facility releases carbon dioxide for which Rocky Mountain Power is required to purchase and retire “allowances” through the Washington Department of Ecology.

In a previous order (Order No. 36207) denying the \$2.3 million, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission disagreed with Rocky Mountain Power’s argument that the costs it incurred to comply with WCCA are like other taxes imposed on the utility. The commission said WCCA is more like a renewable portfolio standard as it is designed to reduce the use of fossil fuel. The commission also referenced a 2020 PacifiCorp Inter-Jurisdiction Allocation Protocol. Part of the protocol is designed to isolate state-

specific policy costs for recovery from customers where the policies are created. The commission determined that Idaho customers should not be required to pay for out-of-state environmental policies.

In its application for reconsideration, Rocky Mountain Power said the commission misinterpreted the allocation protocol in various ways; impermissibly separating the costs and benefits of the Chehalis facility and discriminating against the utility for engaging in interstate commerce. Rocky Mountain Power said the commission misinterpreted the 2020 Protocol and WCCA as requiring the reacquisition of Chehalis under a Washington State portfolio standard.

According to Rocky Mountain Power, it did not re-acquire Chehalis under a portfolio standard by obtaining climate commitment act allowances.

Rocky Mountain Power also said Order No. 36207 violates the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution by effectively discriminating against out-of-state economic interest. By denying recovery of costs like those the utility can recover in rates, the previous order treats power transmitted from Washington State differently than power produced in other states.

After considering the utility's arguments, the commission granted Rocky Mountain Power's application for reconsideration and set deadlines for parties to the case to file written comments and supporting evidence.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7292.

Commission issues decision on electric utility's application to adjust customer rates under the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission on Friday issued a decision regarding the amount an eastern Idaho electric utility will be allowed to adjust its rates under the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ECAM).

Rocky Mountain Power asked for \$62.4 million in ECAM deferred costs and a 10.5 percent increase to Electric Service Schedule No. 94, Energy Cost Adjustment. The Commission approved a revised deferral amount of \$60,093,960. The \$2.3 million difference reflects the Commission's disallowing recovery of costs Rocky Mountain Power incurred to comply with the Washington Climate Commitment Act. If the original amount had been approved, the monthly bill of the utility's average residential customer using 783 kilowatt-hours of electricity would have increased by approximately \$7.39.

The ECAM allows Rocky Mountain Power to increase or decrease the rates it charges customers each year to reflect changes in the utility's power supply costs. The costs vary year by year, reflecting changes in Rocky Mountain Power's gas and coal costs, surplus power sales, power purchases and associated transmission costs. Each month, the utility tracks the difference between the actual net power costs it incurs to serve customers, and the embedded net power costs it collects from customers through base rates. Rocky Mountain Power defers the difference between the actual net power costs and base net power costs into a balancing account for later disposition at the end of the yearly deferral period. At that time, the ECAM allows Rocky Mountain Power to credit or collect the difference between actual net power costs and base net power costs through a decrease or increase in customer rates. The utility and its shareholders do not receive a financial return as a result of the

filing.

If Rocky Mountain Power's application to the Commission had been approved in full, prices for customer groups would have increased from 5.2 percent up to 13.5 percent. Under the approved \$60,093,960, a corresponding rate increase would result in a monthly bill increase of \$6.85 for the typical Idaho residential customer.

The Washington Climate Commitment Act establishes requirements designed to reduce certain greenhouse gas emissions from generating plants in Washington State. Rocky Mountain Power operates a natural gas-fired generating facility in Chehalis, Washington, that exports a portion of the electricity it generates there to Idaho customers. The Chehalis facility releases carbon dioxide for which the utility must purchase and retire "allowances" through the Washington Department of Ecology. Each allowance allows for the emission of one metric ton of carbon dioxide. To ensure that certain legislative emissions standards are met, Washington's Department of Ecology will issue a decreasing number of those allowances in coming years.

As part of its total requested ECAM deferred costs, Rocky Mountain Power asked for commission approval to recover approximately \$2.3 million from Idaho customers, which reflects the amount representing Idaho's jurisdictional share of the costs to purchase the remaining allowances necessary to operate the Chehalis facility and export electricity to customers outside of Washington.

In its order issued May 31, the Commission determined that allowing the utility to recover costs incurred to comply with the Washington Climate Commitment Act from Idaho customers would violate a 2020 Protocol that is designed to protect Idaho customers from costs arising from state-specific initiatives like the Washington Climate Commitment Act. The protocol also is designed to recover costs from customers in the states where those types of initiatives are created.

Additional information on Rocky Mountain Power's application and the commission's decision is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7292.

Commission denies electric utility's application regarding liability for non-economic damages

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has denied an application from Rocky Mountain Power that would limit the utility's liability for damages that are not tied to financial loss.

Rocky Mountain Power's application sought approval from the commission to update Electric Service Regulation No. 3 – Electric Service Agreements. The electric utility, which serves customers in eastern Idaho, said the regulation defined the utility's general rules and regulations for electric service.

In its application to the commission, Rocky Mountain Power proposed to update provisions regarding liability for non-economic damages. The updates would limit damages arising out of the utility's provision of electric service to actual damages, exclude atypical damages (including special, noneconomic, punitive, incidental, indirect or consequential), only apply prospectively and for actions arising out of the provision of electric service and would not apply where state law otherwise disallows the limitation. The utility said this provision strikes a balance between enabling actual damages when appropriate, and unreasonable treble damages.

After a review of Rocky Mountain Power's application and other information, the commission

determined it was not fair, just or reasonable to approve the application. It also determined limitations of liability regarding willful conduct or gross negligence are contrary to the public interest, unfair and unreasonable.

Rocky Mountain Power cited previous cases from other jurisdictions in support of its application. The commission found those citations unpersuasive because the utility relied on examples of limitations on liability for conduct outside of a company's control or instances in which a state legislature enacted statutory limitations on liability for natural disasters or other emergencies; factors that are not present here.

Additional information on Rocky Mountain Power's application and the commission's decision is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7184.

Public workshop, customer hearing scheduled for eastern Idaho electric utility's study of on-site generation

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a workshop and customer hearing on an application from Rocky Mountain Power for approval of its study review phase of the costs and benefits of on-site customer generation.

On-site generation allows customers who have solar panels installed on their homes to return excess energy to an electric utility's grid.

Public utilities commission staff will host an online workshop on Tuesday, April 30 starting at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and ending at 9:00 p.m. or after all questions have been answered, whichever comes first. The workshop will present an overview of Rocky Mountain Power's application and accompanying study. Staff also will be available to answer questions.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2631 825 3852 when prompted. To watch the workshop online, please visit idahogov.webex.com and enter meeting number 2631 825 3852 (no spaces between numbers). Next, please click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: April30Meeting. 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.

The commission also will hold a customer hearing on Monday, June 17, at the Idaho Falls Activity Center South Room, 1575 N. Skyline Drive, Idaho Falls, ID, 83402. At the customer hearing, the commission will take testimony for the record. The hearing will begin at 5:00 p.m. (MDT) and end at 8:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing remotely can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2631 610 9071 when prompted.

Written comments on Rocky Mountain Power's application are being accepted until Thursday, June 13. 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 and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number PAC-E-23-17 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 Rocky

Mountain Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Rocky Mountain Power at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number PAC-E-23-17.

Additional information on Rocky Mountain Power's application is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7071.

Telephonic customer hearing scheduled on proposed asset transfer in eastern Idaho

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a telephonic customer hearing in mid-January to take testimony on a proposed asset transfer between Rocky Mountain Power and the City of Idaho Falls.

Rocky Mountain Power is seeking approval to transfer electric facilities that are serving a customer to the city. The asset transfer would occur alongside the transfer of the customer's service for two vacant, meter less lots from Rocky Mountain Power to the city. The utility entered into a service allocation agreement with Idaho Falls to decrease service duplication and increase stability in their service areas. The allocation agreement permits the transfer of a customer's service between the parties if the utility acquiring the customer pays the other just compensation for lost revenue and distribution facilities used to serve the customer.

The telephonic hearing will be Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. It is intended to take testimony from customers and members of the public. Those interested in submitting testimony can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2633 606 6814 when prompted. It is encouraged to start calling in at 1:45 p.m.

The commission is accepting written comments on the proposed transfer until Jan. 25, 2024. Comments are required to be submitted through the commission's webpage or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments through the commission's homepage, please visit puc.idaho.gov and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number PAC-E-23-25 when filling out the form. Comments filed by e-mail are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Rocky Mountain Power at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission, utility and City of Idaho Falls at these addresses:

Additional information is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7215.