## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSESSMENT	)	CASE NO. F	-2022-1
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE SPECIAL	)		
REGULATORY FEES PAYABLE TO THE	)		
COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023	)	ORDER NO.	35372
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In March 2022, the Idaho Legislature passed, and the Governor signed SB 1393 and SB 1417 appropriating a total of \$6,996,200 to the Commission for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023). The total appropriation includes \$6,418,000 from fees assessed on public utilities and railroads; \$358,400 for federal grants; and \$219,300 for indirect funds. This Order assesses the utilities their share of the total appropriation.

For FY 2021, there was a one-time carry-over balance of \$1,491,100 for utilities. The calculated assessment is \$4,765,415 for FY 2023 utility operations.

The reported gross operating revenues from Title 61 and Title 62 utility operations in Idaho is \$2,388,970,690 for calendar year 2021. This represents a reported revenue increase of approximately \$107 million (4.69%) from the prior year. Consequently, for FY 2023 the proportionate share of each utility's regulatory fee is to be assessed at 0.1995%. In no case shall the proportionate share of each utility's assessed regulatory fee be less than \$50. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-1004(4) and 62-611.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

Pursuant to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-1001, et seq. and *Idaho Code* § 62-611, the Commission is authorized to assess \$4,765,415 for supervising and regulating public utilities subject to our jurisdiction.

The total reported gross operating revenues derived from the intrastate utility business for all public utilities for the 2021 calendar year is \$2,388,970,690.

The proportionate assessment for each public utility is 0.1995% of its Idaho gross operating revenue derived from intrastate utility business for the 2021 calendar year. In no case shall the calculated regulatory fee be less than \$50 per utility.

## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, except as provided in the following paragraph, that each Title 61 public utility and railroad corporation and Title 62 telephone corporation operating within the State of Idaho subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission shall pay to the Commission a special regulatory fee for the 2023 fiscal year amounting to 0.1995% of its Idaho gross operating revenue derived from intrastate utility business for the 2021 calendar year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the fee thus determined shall be less than \$50, then such utility shall pay to the Commission the minimum of \$50 as prescribed by law. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-1004(4) and 62-611.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that at least one-half of such regulatory fee shall be paid to the Commission on or before May 15, 2022, and any remaining balance shall be paid on or before November 15, 2022.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the payment shall not be made on or before the due dates, the installment or portion thereof so due shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum until such time as the full amount of the installment shall have been paid and such delinquent payment shall be subject to an action in the name of the State for collection. *Idaho Code* § 61-1005.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any utility objecting to the assessment prescribed in this Order must file a written objection with the Commission no later than May 15, 2022. *Idaho Code* § 61-1007.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $14^{\text{th}}$  day of April 2022.

ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

JOHN CHATBURN, COMMISSIONER

OHN R. HAMMOND JR, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jan Noriyuki\_

**Commission Secretary** 

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