

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSESSMENT) CASE NO. F-2024-2
OF RAILROAD CORPORATIONS FOR)
THE SPECIAL REGULATORY FEES) ORDER NO. 36140
PAYABLE TO THE COMMISSION FOR)
FISCAL YEAR 2025)
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In March and April 2024, the Idaho Legislature passed, and the Governor signed HB 725, SB1270, and SB 1384 appropriating a total of \$7,493,400 to the Commission for Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). The total appropriation includes \$6,899,000 from fees assessed on public utilities and railroads; \$375,100 for federal grants; and \$219,300 for indirect funds. This Order assesses the railroads their share of the total appropriation.

For FY 2023, there was a one-time carry-over balance of \$21,500 for railroads. The calculated assessment is \$187,291 for FY 2025 railroad operations.

The reported gross operating revenues from railroad operations in Idaho is \$27,219,442.38 for calendar year 2023. This figure represents an increase of approximately \$6.7 million (33.01%) from the prior year. Accordingly, the proportionate share for each railroad’s fee is to be assessed at 0.6881%. In no case shall the proportionate share of each railroad’s assessed regulatory fee be less than \$50.00. *Idaho Code* § 61-1004(4).

FINDINGS OF FACT

Pursuant to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-1001 *et seq.*, the Commission is authorized to assess \$187,291 for supervising and regulating railroads subject to our jurisdiction.

The total reported Idaho gross operating revenues derived from all intrastate railroad business for the 2023 calendar year is \$27,219,442.38.

The proportionate assessment for each railroad corporation is 0.6881% of its Idaho gross operating revenue derived from intrastate railroad business for the 2023 calendar year. In no case shall the calculated regulatory fee be less than \$50.00 per railroad.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, except as provided in the following paragraph, that each railroad corporation operating within the State of Idaho and subject to the jurisdiction of this

Commission shall pay to the Commission a special regulatory fee for the 2025 fiscal year amounting to 0.6881% of such railroad's gross operating revenue derived from intrastate railroad business in Idaho during the 2023 calendar year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the fee thus determined shall be less than \$50.00, then such railroad corporation shall pay to the Commission the minimum of \$50.00 as prescribed by law. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-1004(4).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that at least one-half of such regulatory fee shall be paid to the Commission on or before May 15, 2024, and any remaining balance shall be paid on or before November 15, 2024.

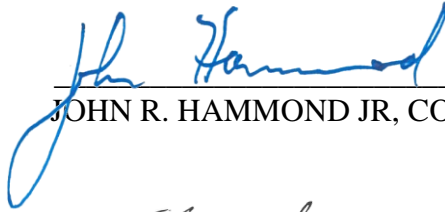
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the payment shall not be made on or before the due dates, the installment or portion thereof so due shall bear interest at the rate of 6.0% per annum until such time as the full amount of the installment shall have been paid and such delinquent payment shall be subject to 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 by May 15, 2024. *Idaho Code* § 61-1007.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 15th day of April 2024.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT



JOHN R. HAMMOND JR, COMMISSIONER



EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Monica Barrios-Sanchez
Commission Secretary

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