## **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE SPECIAL REGULATORY FEES PAYABLE TO THE COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 CASE NO. F-2024-1

**ORDER NO. 36141** 

In March and April 2024, the Idaho Legislature passed and the Governor signed HB 725, SB 1270, 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 utilities their share of the total appropriation.

For FY 2023, there was a one-time carry-over balance of \$687,800 for regulated utilities. The calculated assessment is \$6,002,409 for FY 2025 utility operations.

The reported gross operating revenues from Title 61 and Title 62 utility operations in Idaho are \$2,822,086,510 during calendar year 2023. This represents a reported revenue increase of approximately \$170.7 million (6.44%) from the prior year. Consequently, for FY 2025 the proportionate share of each regulated utility's regulatory fee is to be assessed at 0.2127%. In no case shall the proportionate share of any utility'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.* and *Idaho Code* § 62-611, the Commission is authorized to assess \$6,002,409 for supervising and regulating public utilities subject to our jurisdiction.

The total reported gross operating revenues derived from the intrastate utility business for all regulated public utilities for the 2023 calendar year is \$2,822,086,510.

The proportionate assessment for each regulated public utility is 0.2127% of its Idaho gross operating revenue derived from intrastate utility business for the 2023 calendar year. In no case shall the calculated regulatory fee be less than \$50.00 per utility.

## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, except as provided in the following paragraph, that each Title 61 public utility and Title 62 telephone corporation operating within the State of Idaho subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission shall pay to the Commission a regulatory fee for the FY 2025 amounting to 0.2127% of its Idaho gross operating revenue derived from intrastate utility business for the 2023 calendar year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the regulatory fee assessment shall be less than \$50.00, then the utility 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 is not made by 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 is paid (including interest) 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, 2024. *Idaho Code* § 61-1007.

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

ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

OHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

Morace Barrio Sanchez **Commission Secretary** 

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