BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE SPECIAL REGULATORY FEES PAYABLE TO THE COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020. ) CASE NO. F-2019-1 ) ORDER NO. 34310

In March 2019, the Idaho Legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 1149 appropriating a total of $6,634,500 to the Commission for operations during Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 (July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020). This appropriation represents $6,082,400 for railroad and public utility activities; $332,800 for federal grants; and $219,300 for indirect funds. This Order assesses the utilities their share of the total appropriation.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, there was a carry-over balance for utilities of $33,500. After incorporating the carry-over, the calculated assessment is $5,804,700 for FY 2020 utility operations.

The reported gross intrastate revenues from Title 61 and Title 62 utility operations in Idaho totaled $2,294,894,863 for calendar year 2018. This represents a reported revenue decrease of approximately $86.1 million (approximately 3.6%) from the prior year. Consequently, for FY 2020 the proportionate share of each utility’s regulatory fee is to be assessed at 0.2529%. In no case shall the calculated regulatory fee be less than $50. Idaho Code §§ 61-1004(4) and 62-611.

FINDINGS OF FACT

In accordance with Idaho Code §§ 61-1001 through 61-1008 and 62-611, the Commission is authorized to assess $5,804,700 for supervising and regulating public utilities subject to our jurisdiction.

The total reported Idaho gross intrastate revenues for all public utilities for the 2018 calendar year amounts to $2,294,894,863.

The proportionate assessment for each public utility is 0.2529% of its Idaho gross operating revenue derived from intrastate utility business for the 2018 calendar year. In no case shall the calculated regulatory fee be less than $50 per utility.
ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE 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 and subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission shall pay to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission a special regulatory fee for the 2020 fiscal year amounting to 0.2529% of its Idaho gross operating revenue derived from intrastate utility business for the 2018 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, 2019, and any remaining balance shall be paid on or before November 15, 2019.

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.

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, 2019. Idaho Code § 61-1007.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16th day of April 2019.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Diane M. Hansen
Commission Secretary