

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 10, 2017

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE February 1, 2017

DATE: January 3, 2017

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: George Compton *GRC*

THROUGH: *JK by ABC* Jason Eisdorfer, *A* Marc Hellman, and *M+ GRC* John Crider

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER COMPANY: (Docket ADV 473/Advice No. 16-15)  
Updates Schedule 76—Flex Peak Program.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Idaho Power's (or Company) Advice No. 16-015 that updates the optional Flex Peak Program, Schedule 76, to modify tariff language in order to improve transparency and foster customer convenience.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Advice No. 16-15, effective with service rendered on and after February 1, 2017, whereby the optional Flex Peak Program, Schedule 76, is updated in order to improve transparency and foster customer convenience.

Applicable Law

The Company's filing involves tariff sheets that are governed by ORS 757.205. Filings that make any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the changes, or the utility must submit an application requesting to make the tariff or rate schedule effective on less than statutory notice. ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0020.

Idaho Power filed Advice 16-15 on December 16, 2016. Idaho Power's in-house-operated, Flex Peak Program, Schedule 76, has been in place for two seasons. It is a voluntary demand response program available to large commercial and industrial customers. Demand and energy incentives have been put in place to help meet summer peak-period load requirements. Based partly upon customer feedback, several tariff modifications are now proposed that would improve transparency and foster customer convenience.

### Analysis

No incentive rates changes are being proposed as part of this application. Instead, tariff language is being added or modified that clarifies the options for participation and/or responds affirmatively to various customer suggestions. Examples of the latter are adding texting to telephone and email for load-shedding event notification, and making automatic re-enrollment (with Company verification) the default option for continued participation in the program.

Given the filing, there was no need for follow-up data requests beyond reviewing the filing itself.

The Company has reviewed this memo and voiced no concerns.

### Conclusion

Staff concludes that this application is reasonable in its efforts to make its demand-response Flex Peak Program, Schedule 76, more transparent and customer-friendly.

### **PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Approve Idaho Power's Advice No. 16-15 and allow the updated Flex Peak Program, Schedule 76, to go into effect with service rendered on and after February 1, 2017.