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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Filing Center
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Docket UM 2050
In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Deferred Accounting of
the Oregon Annual Regulatory Fees Expense

Attention Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing is an electronic copy of Idaho Power Company's Application for Deferred Accounting of the Oregon Annual Regulatory Fees Expense.

The Notice of Application has been served on the parties of Idaho Power Company's last general rate case, UE 233, as indicated on the attached service list.

Sincerely,

Wendy McIndoo
Office Manager

Attachments

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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APPLICATION

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power") hereby requests an accounting order authorizing the Company to defer for later ratemaking treatment costs associated with the Oregon annual regulatory fee beginning January 1, 2020, and allowed by ORS 756.310. Idaho Power seeks authorization for this deferral effective during the calendar year 2020. In support of this Application, Idaho Power states:

1. Idaho Power is a public utility in the state of Oregon and its rates, services, and accounting practices are subject to the regulation of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission").
2. This Application is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259, which allows the Commission, upon application, to authorize the deferral of certain items for later inclusion in rates.
3. Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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1 **II. OAR 860-027-0300(3) REQUIREMENTS**

2 **A. Description**

3 On May 24, 2019, Oregon Governor Kate Brown signed Senate Bill 68, increasing the
4 annual fee imposed on public utilities and telecommunications providers for the purpose of
5 defraying costs of the Commission. The bill will reset the annual regulatory fee amount
6 established in ORS 757.310(3) from 0.30 percent to 0.45 percent. In accordance with ORS
7 757.310(3), on March 1, 2020, the Commission will issue an order authorizing collection of
8 the annual regulatory fee from the public utilities operating in Oregon subject to regulation by
9 the Commission. The fee level will increase to 0.45 percent of gross operating revenue
10 derived from electric utility operations in Oregon during the calendar year 2019 resulting in
11 an increase in Idaho Power's Oregon annual regulatory fee expense.

12 **B. Reasons for Deferral**

13 Idaho Power requests authorization to defer costs associated with the expected
14 increase in the Oregon annual regulatory fee effective January 1, 2020. The Company's
15 deferral request in this case is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259(2)(e) and is intended to
16 minimize the frequency of rate changes or the fluctuation of rate levels.

17 **C. Proposed Accounting**

18 If approved, Idaho Power will record amounts that would be subject to the deferral
19 order in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations to the Federal Energy Regulatory
20 Commission ("FERC") Account 182 – Regulatory Assets with the corresponding entry
21 recorded to FERC Account 131 – Cash. Absent approval, the amount that would have been
22 subject to deferral for the Oregon annual regulatory fees would be recorded to FERC Account
23 601 – Other Tax (Taxes Other Than Income Taxes).

24 **D. Estimate of Amounts**

25 The Oregon annual regulatory fee is expected to increase from 0.30 percent to 0.45
26 percent of the Company's gross operating revenue in Oregon. The Company estimates an

1 increase in costs of approximately \$100,000. In accordance with Order No. 05-1070, Idaho
2 Power will accrue interest on the unamortized balance at a rate equal to its authorized
3 weighted average cost of capital most recently approved by the Commission.

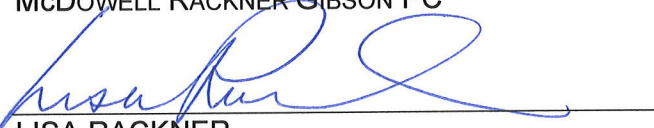
4 **E. Notice**

5 A copy of the Notice of Application for Deferred Accounting of Oregon Annual
6 Regulatory Fee Expenses and a list of persons served with the Notice are attached to the
7 Application as Attachment A.

8 **III. CONCLUSION**

9 For the reasons stated above, Idaho Power respectfully requests that, consistent with
10 ORS 757.259(2)(e), the Commission authorize the Company to record and defer incremental
11 Oregon annual regulatory fee expenses resulting from Senate Bill 68 for the January 1, 2020,
12 through December 31, 2020, time period.

13 Respectfully submitted this 31st day of December 2019.

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Attachment A to Application

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
DEFERRED ACCOUNTING**

On December 31, 2019, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power") filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") for an Order authorizing deferral of Oregon annual regulatory fee expenses beginning January 1, 2020.

Approval of Idaho Power's Application will not authorize a change in Idaho Power's rates, but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent proceeding.

Idaho Power's Application will be posted on the Commission website for persons who wish to obtain a copy or they may contact the following:

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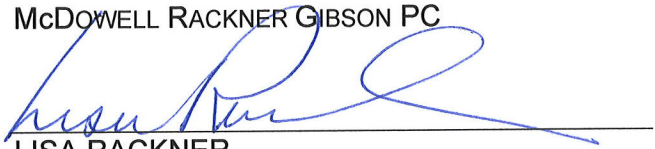
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1 Any person who wishes to submit written comments to the Commission on Idaho
2 Power's Application must do so by no later than January 29, 2020.

3 DATED: December 31, 2019

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of Idaho Power's Notice of Application For Deferred Accounting in Docket UM 2050 to the Parties of record in Docket UE 233 on the following named person(s) on the date indicated below by email addressed to said person(s) at his or her last-known address(es) indicated below.

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