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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Filing Center
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
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Re: Docket UM 2050(1)
Application for Deferred Accounting of the Oregon Annual Regulatory Fee
Expense

Attention Filing Center:

Attached for filing is an electronic copy of Idaho Power Company's Application for Deferred Accounting of Annual Regulatory Fee Expense for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Regulatory Analyst Courtney Waites at (208) 388-5612.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa D. Nordstrom".

Lisa D. Nordstrom

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 2050(1)

In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's
Application for Deferred Accounting of the
Oregon Annual Regulatory Fees Expense.

APPLICATION

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power") hereby requests an accounting order reauthorizing the Company to defer for later ratemaking treatment costs associated with the Oregon annual regulatory fee beginning January 1, 2021, and allowed by ORS 756.310. Idaho Power seeks authorization for this deferral effective during the calendar year 2021. 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 allows the Commission to set the annual
6 regulatory fee amount established in ORS 757.310(3) to an amount not to exceed 0.45
7 percent, an increase from the then current amount of 0.30 percent. In accordance with ORS
8 757.310(3), on February 26, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 20-052 authorizing
9 collection of the annual regulatory fee from the public utilities operating in Oregon subject to
10 regulation by the Commission at 0.35 percent of 2019 gross operating revenues. By March
11 1, 2021, the Commission will issue an order establishing the annual regulatory fee for gross
12 operating revenue derived from electric utility operations in Oregon during the calendar year
13 2020. Senate Bill 68 allows for a fee level increase up to 0.45 percent of gross operating
14 revenue.

15 **B. Reasons for Deferral**

16 Idaho Power requests reauthorization to defer incremental costs associated with the
17 increase in the Oregon annual regulatory fee, as compared to the annual regulatory fees paid
18 prior to the enactment of Senate Bill 68, effective January 1, 2021. The Company's deferral
19 request in this case is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259(2)(e) and is intended to minimize the
20 frequency of rate changes or the fluctuation of rate levels.

21 **C. Proposed Accounting**

22 If approved, Idaho Power will record amounts that would be subject to the deferral
23 order in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations to the Federal Energy Regulatory
24 Commission ("FERC") Account 182 – Regulatory Assets with the corresponding entry
25 recorded to FERC Account 131 – Cash. Absent approval, the amount that would have been
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1 subject to deferral for the Oregon annual regulatory fees would be recorded to FERC Account
2 601 – Other Tax (Taxes Other Than Income Taxes).

3 **D. Estimate of Amounts**

4 The Oregon annual regulatory fee prior to the enactment of Senate Bill 68 was 0.30
5 percent but can increase up to 0.45 percent of the Company's gross operating revenue in
6 Oregon. The Company estimates an increase in costs up to approximately \$100,000. In
7 accordance with Order No. 05-1070, Idaho Power will accrue interest on the unamortized
8 balance at a rate equal to its authorized weighted average cost of capital most recently
9 approved by the Commission.

10 **E. Notice**

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

14 **III. OAR 860-027-0300(4) REQUIREMENTS**

15 **A. Entries in the Deferred Account to Date**

16 No entries have been made to date. Idaho Power will record annual regulatory fee
17 payments to this deferred account by December 31, 2020.

18 **B. Reason for Continuation of Deferred Accounting**

19 As discussed in detail above, this deferral is intended to capture incremental annual
20 regulatory fee expenses resulting from Senate Bill 68.

21 **IV. CONCLUSION**

22 For the reasons stated above, Idaho Power respectfully requests that, consistent with
23 ORS 757.259(2)(e), the Commission reauthorize the Company to record and defer
24 incremental Oregon annual regulatory fee expenses resulting from Senate Bill 68 for the
25 January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, time period.

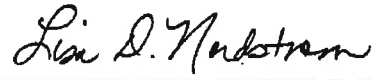
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1 DATED: December 29, 2020

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
DEFERRED ACCOUNTING**

On December 29, 2020, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power") filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") for an Order reauthorizing deferral of Oregon annual regulatory fee expenses beginning January 1, 2021.

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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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, 2021.

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4 DATED: December 29, 2020

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
UM 2050(1)

I hereby certify that on December 29, 2020, I served a true and correct copy of Idaho Power Company's Application for Deferred Accounting of Net Variable Power Cost Variances on the parties in Dockets UM 2050 and UE 233 by e-mail to said person(s) as indicated below.

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