

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: December 7, 2020

TO: John Crider

FROM: Michelle Scala

SUBJECT: Idaho Power: 2021 Tariff has been updated under the OPUC Order No. 20-437 without formal advice filing

Background:

Docket No. UM 779 typically requires utilities to submit a compliance filing with updated tariff sheets to reflect rate revisions for late payment charges and interest on customer deposits each year. The rates set forth by the Commission are intended as upper and lower bounds, respectively. As such, it is within the utilities' authority to charge a late payment rate less than the Commission determined rate as well as provide an interest rate on customer deposits greater than contained in the Order.

Some utilities have also implemented rule language to accommodate annual changes by the Commission that avoids the need for an update to the utility's rules or tariffs regarding interest paid on customer deposits.

For 2021 rates, Idaho Power fell under both such exemptions to a formal advice filing. Specifically:

- The rate charged by Idaho Power for late payments is 1.0%; which is less than the Commission determined rate of 2.0% and thus does not require a revision to comply with Order 20-437 for service effective January 1, 2021.
- Idaho Power's PUC ORE. No. E-27 Rule L states, in part, "Interest on deposits held by the Company shall be accrued at the rate established by the Commission specified in OAR 860-021-0210." The language in Rule L is such that it references the annual rate established by the Commission and the relevant statute to Docket UM 779 thereby obliging the Company to the most current rate without a direct reference to a specific order.

In Staff correspondences with Idaho Power, company Rate Design Manager, Connie Aschenbrenner provided the following statements to the same effect.

"Customer Deposits: We will be paying an interest rate on customer deposits of 0.1% per year effective 1/1/21 per the Commission's order. We do not need to make a compliance filing because our Oregon tariff Rule L "Deposits" does not specify a rate, but rather states that "interest on deposits held by the Company shall be accrued at the rate established by the Commission specified in OAR 860-021-0210."

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Late Payment Rate: The way our billing system is currently configured limits Idaho Power to charging the same late payment rate in both states that we operate in (Idaho and Oregon). Effective 1/1/21 we will be charging a late payment rate of 1% per month, or 12% per year in both states (Idaho and Oregon); this rate is less than what the Oregon Commission has authorized us to charge (2.0% monthly or 23.4% annually) for 2021. We don't need to make a compliance filing for this because we are not changing the rate from what it currently is stated in our Oregon tariff Schedule 66.”

Ms. Aschenbrenner also provided links to PUC ORE. No. E-27 [Rule L](#) and [Schedule 66](#) which Staff reviewed and verified.

Staff's recommendations:

Staff concludes, after identifying and reviewing Idaho Power's 2021 interest rate and late payment charge, that OPUC's Order 20-437 has been reasonably followed by Idaho Power. The 2021 Tariff has been updated without formal advice filing.

Cc: Diane Davis

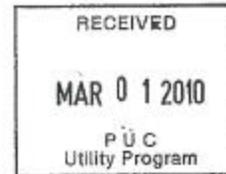
Late Payment of 1%

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

P.U.C. ORE. NO. E-27

ORIGINAL SHEET NO. 66-1

SCHEDULE 66
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES



PURPOSE

The purpose of this schedule is to accumulate all miscellaneous charges that are included in the Company's Rules, Regulations, and Rates.

APPLICABILITY

This schedule applies to all Customers taking service under the Company's Oregon Tariff except as expressly limited by a Rule or a Schedule.

CHARGES

RULE D

1. Instrument Transformer Metering

Current Transformer

Single Phase

120/240 Volt	\$214.00
240/480 Volt	\$247.00
120/208 Volt Network	\$275.00

Polyphase

120/240 Volt Delta	\$437.00
240/480 Volt Delta	\$438.00
120/208 Volt Wye	\$467.00
277/480 Volt Wye	\$471.00

Voltage Transformer (secondary voltages only)

Additional cost per voltage transformer	\$160.00
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Primary Metering

Work Order costs are applicable

2. Off-Site Meter Reading Service

Single-Phase, Non-Demand Metering

Class 200 R300 Register (standard metering)	\$ 3.65 per month
Class 320 R300 Register (standard metering)	\$ 4.40 per month
Class 10 R 300 Register (instrument transformer metering)	\$ 4.40 per month
Installation Fee (payable with first monthly payment)	\$ 25.00
Removal Fee (if removed within 90 days of installation)	\$ 25.00

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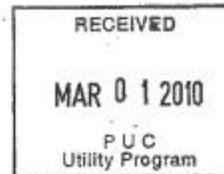
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ORIGINAL SHEET NO. 66-2

SCHEDULE 66
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES
 (Continued)



CHARGES (Continued)

RULE D (Continued)

3. Load Profile Metering

Pulse Output Service

With an existing Electronic Demand Meter \$ 5.00 per month
 Without an existing Electronic Demand Meter \$ 13.00 per month

Installation Fee (payable with first monthly payment) \$ 70.00
 Removal Fee (if removed within 90 days of installation) \$ 60.00

Load Profile Recording Service

With an existing Electronic Demand Meter \$ 17.50 per month
 Without an existing Electronic Demand Meter \$ 25.50 per month

Installation Fee (payable with first monthly payment) \$ 80.00
 Removal Fee (if removed within 90 days of installation) \$ 60.00

4. Special Meter Test

Non-Residential Actual Labor & Mileage Rates
 Residential Not to Exceed \$30.00

5. Surge Protection Device Services

Surge Protection Device Installation or Removal Charge \$ 43.00
 Surge Protection Device Customer Visit Charge \$ 25.00

RULE F (all times are stated in Mountain Time)

1. Field Visit Charge \$ 20.00

2. Service Connection Charge

Schedules 1, 7, 9
 Monday through Friday
 7:30 am to 6:00 pm \$ 20.00
 6:01 pm to 9:00 pm \$ 45.00
 9:01 pm to 7:29 am \$ 80.00
 Company Holidays and Weekends
 7:30 am to 9:00 pm \$ 45.00
 9:01 pm to 7:29 am \$ 80.00

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FOURTH REVISED SHEET NO. 66-3

P.U.C. ORE. NO. E-27

CANCELS
THIRD REVISED SHEET NO. 66-3

SCHEDULE 66
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES
(Continued)

RULE F (Continued)

2. Service Connection Charge (Continued)

Schedules 15, 19, 24, 40, 41, 42	
Monday through Friday	
7:30 am to 6:00 pm	\$ 40.00
6:01 pm to 9:00 pm	\$ 65.00
9:01 pm to 7:29 am	\$100.00
Company Holidays and Weekends	
7:30 am to 9:00 pm	\$ 65.00
9:01 pm to 7:29 am	\$100.00

3. Remote Service Connection Charge

All schedules, all days, all times \$ 20.00

The following is a list of company-recognized holidays and the dates they are observed: New Year's Day (January 1), Martin Luther King Jr. Day (third Monday in January), President's Day (third Monday in February), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (first Monday in September), Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November), and Christmas Day (December 25). When a holiday falls on Saturday the previous Friday will be observed, when a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday will be observed.

4. Unauthorized Reconnection Charge

\$ 50.00

RULE G

1. Returned Check Charge

\$ 20.00

2. Late Payment Charge (beginning August 31, 2013)

12 percent per annum,
Or one percent per month.

3. Fractional Period Minimum Billings

Schedules 1 and 7	\$ 3.00
Schedules 9 and 19 Secondary	\$ 5.00
Schedules 9 and 19 Primary & Transmission	\$ 10.00
Schedule 24	\$ 3.00
Schedule 15	\$ 3.00
Schedule 40	\$ 1.50

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