

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: May 30, 2017

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE June 1, 2017

DATE: May 12, 2017

TO: Public Utility Commission

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SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER: (Docket No. UE 321/Advice No. 17-03) Requests amortization of deferred intervenor funding amounts in Schedule 56. This is the second supplement for this advice filing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) should approve Idaho Power Company's amended filing, dated April 28, 2017, effective for service rendered on and after June 1, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission (Commission) should approve Idaho Power's (Company) Advice 17-03 Second Supplement requesting a change in Schedule 56 rates for service rendered on and after June 1, 2017.

Applicable Rule or Law

Idaho Power's request involves changes to tariff sheets governed by ORS 757.205, ORS 757.210 and OAR 860-022-0025. Filings that make any change in rates, tolls, or charges must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the changes. However, the Commission has the discretion to approve tariff filings on less than statutory notice.

Analysis

Background

In this filing, Idaho Power updates the rate increments in its Schedule No. 56 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism (PCAM) to reflect currently deferred account balances in accordance with Order No. 10-396, which states that Citizens Utility Board (CUB) Fund Grants will be allocated to and paid by the residential customer class, and Issue Fund Grants may be assessed against customer classes as determined by the Commission.

The Company's PCAM was created in 2008 in Order No. 08-238 in Docket UE 195. In Order No. 15-399, the Commission authorized amortization of intervenor funding deferrals through Schedule 56. The Residential customer class currently has a higher rate than all other classes in Schedule 56 as a result of this amortization.

On March 15, 2017, in a supplement to Advice No. 17-03, the Company noted that it would file a subsequent advice filing for rates effective after May 31, 2017, to update its Schedule 56 to reflect the completed amortization of intervenor funding amounts currently in rates, and to include new intervenor funding amounts.

Staff reviewed the Company's application and workpapers in this filing to check that amortized amounts are consistent with Intervenor Funding grants paid by the Company and that the proposed rate increments are applied correctly.

Conclusion

The Company's request to amortize deferred intervenor funding amounts will result in fair and reasonable rates.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve the Company's request to change rates in Schedule 56, effective with service rendered on and after June 1, 2017.