

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 26, 2013

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ Not applicable

DATE: November 12, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

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SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER COMPANY: (Docket No. UM 1631) Request waiver of OAR 860-027-0005, 860-027-0015, and 860-027-0070(1)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Idaho Power Company's (Idaho Power or Company) request to waive the first day of November Budget of Expenditures Report filing date in OAR 860-027-0005, the December 31 New Construction Report filing date in OAR 860-027-0015, and the April 1 FERC Form 1 annual report filing date requirement in OAR 860-027-0070(1).

DISCUSSION:

Budget of Expenditures Report

On October 18, 2013, Idaho Power filed a request for a four and a half month extension of the filing date for its Budget of Expenditure Report. OAR 860-027-0005 states that "Each energy utility operating within Oregon and having gross operating revenues of \$50,000 or more per annum is required to file with the Commission on or before the first day of November of each year, a copy of its proposed Budget of Expenditures, on forms approved by the Commission."

New Construction Budget Report

In addition, the Company is requesting a two and a half month extension of the filing date for its New Construction Budget Report date. OAR 860-027-0015 states "Each energy utility operating within Oregon is required to file annually on or before December 31 on forms approved by the Commission information on new construction, extensions, and additions to the utility's property."

Both the Budget of Expenditures and the New Construction Budget are based on the Company's annual capital budget that is approved by the Board of Directors during its mid-January meeting of the budget year.

FERC Form 1

Finally, Idaho Power is requesting a one-month extension of the filing date for its FERC Form 1. OAR 860-027-0070(1) states "Annual Reports will be submitted by electric, gas, water, and steam heat utilities. The report shall be submitted on or before April 1, using the most current forms approved by the Commission." Similar to the budget of reports, financial data used to complete the FERC Form 1 is not available in time to complete the report by April 1.

Staff has no concerns granting the Company's waiver request such that the Company files its 2014 Budget of Expenditures and 2014 New Construction Budget by March 15, 2014, and its FERC Form 1 for the calendar year 2013 by May 1, 2014. While the extension for the 2014 Budget of Expenditures should have been approved prior to November 1, 2013, Staff has been in direct contact with the utility on this matter. In addition, approving this waiver request will not impact the Company or its customers.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Idaho Power's request for a waiver of OAR 860-027-0005, 860-027-0015, and 860-027-0070(1) be granted.