PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: December 19, 2022

TO: Caroline Moore

FROM: Madison Bolton

SUBJECT: Idaho Power: 2023 Tariff has been updated under the OPUC Order No. 22-459

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 2023 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 2.2% and thus does not require a revision to comply with Order 22-459 for service effective January 1, 2023.
- 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, Regulatory Analyst Connie Aschenbrenner provided the following statements to the same effect.

<u>"Customer Deposits</u>: We will pay an interest rate on customer deposits of 4.5% per year effective 1/1/23, per the Commission's order. We do not need to make a compliance filing because <u>Rule L "Deposits"</u> of our Oregon tariff does not specify a rate, but rather states that "interest on deposits held by the Company shall be

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accrued at the rate established by the Commission specified in OAR 860-021-0210."

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 1/1/23 we will charge a late payment rate of 1% per month (12% per year) in both Idaho and Oregon; this rate is less than what the Oregon Commission has authorized us to charge (2.2% monthly or 25.8% annually) for 2023. 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 Schedule 66."

Staff's recommendations:

Staff concludes, after identifying and reviewing Idaho Power's 2023 interest rate and late payment charge, that OPUC's Order 22-459 has been reasonably followed by Idaho Power. The 2023 Tariff has been updated without formal advice filing.

Cc: Mark Brown

Late Payment of 1%

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

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

ORIGINAL SHEET NO. 66-1

SCHEDULE 66
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

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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

Instrument Transformer Metering

Current Transformer

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

Primary Metering

Work Order costs are applicable

Off-Site Meter Reading Service

| C | nase, Non-Demand Metering Class 200 R300 Register (standard metering) Class 320 R300 Register (standard metering) Class 10 R 300 Register (instrument transformer metering) | \$ 3.65 per month 4.40 per month 4.40 per month |
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| | nstallation Fee (payable with first monthly payment) | 25.00 25.00 |

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

ORIGINAL SHEET NO. 66-2

SCHEDULE 66
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES
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P U C Utility Program

CHARGES (Continued)

RULE D (Continued)

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| Load Profile Metering | | |
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| Pulse Output Service With an existing Electronic Demand Meter Without an existing Electronic Demand Meter | \$ | 5.00 per month 13.00 per month |
| Installation Fee (payable with first monthly payment) Removal Fee (If removed within 90 days of installation) | * | 70.00 60.00 |
| Load Profile Recording Service With an existing Electronic Demand Meter Without an existing Electronic Demand Meter | | 17.50 per month 25.50 per month |
| Installation Fee (payable with first monthly payment) Removal Fee (if removed within 90 days of installation) | \$ | 80.00 60.00 |

| 4. | Special Meter Test |
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| | Non-Residential |

Actual Labor & Mileage Rates Not to Exceed \$30.00

5. Surge Protection Device Services

Residential

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 |
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Service Connection Charge

Schedules 1, 7, 9 Monday thr

| nday through Friday | |
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| 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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P.U.C. ORE. NO. E-27

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.

Unauthorized Reconnection Charge \$ 50.00

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RULE G

\$ 20.00 Returned Check Charge 1.

Late Payment Charge (beginning August 31, 2013) 2. 12 percent per annum, Or one percent per month.

3. Fractional Period Minimum Billings

\$ 3.00 Schedules 1 and 7 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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