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In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Application for Deferred Accounting of  
Certain Costs Associated with the North Valmy Power Plant

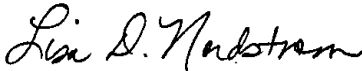
Attention Filing Center:

Attached for filing is an electronic copy of Idaho Power Company's Application for  
Deferred Accounting of Certain Costs Associated with the North Valmy Power Plant.

As required by OAR 860-027-0300, the Application has been served on the parties to the  
UE 233 service list, and the parties to the UE 363 service list, as indicated in the Certificate of  
Service.

Please contact me at (208) 388-5825 or Regulatory Consultant Courtney Waites at (208)  
388-5612 with any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,



Lisa D. Nordstrom

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Enclosures

cc: Adam Lowney

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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APPLICATION

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to ORS 757.210, ORS 757.259, and OAR 860-027-0300, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") hereby requests an accounting order reauthorizing Idaho Power to defer decommissioning revenues collected and decommissioning costs incurred pursuant to Order No. 17-235. The stipulation approved by Order No. 17-235 includes the collection of the North Valmy Power Plant ("Valmy") amounts and is an "automatic adjustment clause" ("AAC") as defined in ORS 757.210. Idaho Power seeks reauthorization for this deferral effective as of June 1, 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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**II. OAD 860-027-0300(3) REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Description**

With this deferral application, Idaho Power seeks reauthorization from the Commission to defer, for future true-up, decommissioning revenues collected and decommissioning costs incurred in accordance with Order No. 17-235.

**B. Reasons for Deferral**

On November 2, 2016, Idaho Power filed an application with the Commission requesting approval to update costs associated with Valmy Units 1 and 2 to reflect an end-of-life for those units of 2025, and further requested authority to recover all Valmy-related costs by 2025 to align the expected remaining operating life of the plant with cost recovery, resulting in cost recovery from customers who are served by the plant (Docket No. UE 316). In June 2017, the Commission issued Order No. 17-235, approving the recovery of the following expenses and investment associated with Valmy through an AAC: (1) the accelerated depreciation associated with the existing Valmy plant investments through May 31, 2017, (2) the return on undepreciated existing capital investments at Valmy until its end-of-life based upon the then currently authorized rate of return, and (3) estimated future decommissioning expenses.

In UE 345/Advice No. 18-02, the Commission issued Order No. 18-199, approving the accelerated depreciation associated with Idaho Power's exit from operations of Valmy Unit 1 by December 31, 2019. Due to cessation of Valmy Unit 1, Order No. 19-341 authorized the removal from customer rates of the accelerated depreciation associated with those investments effective January 1, 2020. Filed pursuant to Order No. 17-235 and ORS 757.259(2)(e), the AAC requires Idaho Power to file a deferral request. This deferral is intended to provide for the deferral and tracking of decommissioning revenues collected and decommissioning costs incurred until decommissioning activities are concluded. In addition,

1 this deferral will allow Idaho Power to appropriately match the costs borne by and benefits  
2 received by customers.

3 **C. Proposed Accounting**

4 Idaho Power records revenues and expenses that would be subject to the deferral  
5 order in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations to the Federal Energy Regulatory  
6 Commission ("FERC") Accounts 440-444 (Operating Revenues), FERC Account 557 (Other  
7 Expenses), and FERC Accounts 500-598 (Operations and Maintenance Accounts). Upon  
8 receiving approval of a deferral, Idaho Power proposes to record the deferred amounts to  
9 FERC Account 182 (Regulatory Assets) until decommissioning activities are concluded.  
10 After decommissioning activities are concluded, amounts in the deferral account, either  
11 positive or negative, will be recovered or refunded in customer rates through a surcharge or  
12 credit, as appropriate.

13 **D. Estimate of Amounts**

14 Order No. 17-235 approved an Oregon jurisdictional revenue requirement increase of  
15 \$1.06 million associated with the recovery of the annual incremental return on and  
16 accelerated depreciation of existing Valmy investments, and decommissioning costs related  
17 to the Valmy shutdown. In addition, Order No. 18-199 approved an Oregon jurisdictional  
18 revenue requirement increase of \$2.50 million associated with the recovery of the  
19 accelerated depreciation of existing Valmy Unit 1 investments by year end 2019. The Oregon  
20 jurisdictional revenue requirement decreased \$3.17 million with Order No. 19-341 as a result  
21 of cessation of Valmy Unit 1 and full collection of the associated investments. Idaho Power  
22 estimates the deferral account will contain the Oregon jurisdictional share of  
23 decommissioning costs, approximately \$1,870,000, at December 31, 2025. Because  
24 deferred amounts associated with decommissioning costs are dependent on factors that  
25 cannot be precisely forecasted, Idaho Power cannot provide a precise estimate of the total  
26 deferred amount.

1         **E. Notice**

2             A copy of the Notice of Application for Deferred Accounting of Certain Costs  
3 Associated with the North Valmy Power Plant and a list of persons served with the Notice  
4 are attached to the Application as Attachment A.

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

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

7             Attached to the Application as Attachment B is a description and explanation of the  
8 entries specific to decommissioning expenses in this deferred account as of the date of the  
9 Application.

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

11             As discussed in detail above, this deferral is intended to capture decommissioning  
12 revenues collected and decommissioning costs incurred in accordance with Order No. 17-  
13 235.

14                             **III. CONCLUSION**

15             Reauthorization of deferred accounting treatment is an appropriate, just, and  
16 reasonable means of implementing Order No. 17-235.

17             For the reasons stated above, Idaho Power requests permission to defer  
18 decommissioning revenues collected and decommissioning costs incurred beginning June  
19 1, 2021, pursuant to Order No. 17-235.

20             DATED: May 25, 2021

21   IDAHO POWER COMPANY

22   *Lisa D. Nordstrom*

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24   LISA D. NORDSTROM  
25   Attorney for Idaho Power Company  
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## **Attachment A**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
DEFERRED ACCOUNTING OF  
CERTAIN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
THE NORTH VALMY POWER PLANT**

On May 25, 2021, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power") filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") for an order reauthorizing the deferral of decommissioning revenues collected and decommissioning costs incurred pursuant to Order No. 17-235.

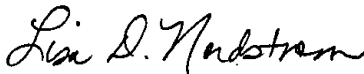
Approval of Idaho Power's Application will not authorize a change in Idaho Power's rates, but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent proceeding.

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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Any person who wishes to submit written comments to the Commission on Idaho Power's Application must do so by no later than June 23, 2021.

DATED: May 25, 2021.



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## **Attachment B**



Account	DATE	DISTDESC	Descr	Sum TOTAMT
182436	7/31/2017	RECORD COMBINED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	8/31/2017	RECORD COMBINED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	9/30/2017	RECORD COMBINED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	10/31/2017	RECORD COMBINED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	11/30/2017	RECORD COMBINED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	12/31/2017	RECORD COMBINED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM	-6694.00
182436	1/31/2018	RECORD COMBINED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM	-6694.00
182436	2/28/2018	RECORD COMBINED REVENUE	VALMY OREGON DECOMM ENTRY	-6694.00
182436	3/31/2018	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OREGON DECOMM	-6694.00
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182436	5/31/2018	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	6/30/2018	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	7/31/2018	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
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182436	3/31/2019	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	4/30/2019	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	5/31/2019	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	6/30/2019	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	7/31/2019	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	8/31/2019	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	9/30/2019	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	10/31/2019	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	11/30/2019	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	12/31/2019	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	1/31/2020	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	2/29/2020	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	3/31/2020	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	4/30/2020	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM ENTRIES	-6694.00
182436	5/31/2020	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY OR DECOMM	-97336.12
182436	5/31/2020	LEVELIZATION INTEREST	VALMY OR DECOMM	3463.01
182436	5/31/2020	REVENUE REQUIREMENT	VALMY OR DECOMM	86324.92
182436	6/30/2020	LEVELIZED REVENUE	VALMY DECOMM	-97336.12
182436	6/30/2020	LEVELIZATION INTEREST	VALMY DECOMM	3421.15
182436	6/30/2020	REVENUE REQUIREMENT	VALMY DECOMM	86324.92
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182436	4/30/2021	REVENUE REQUIREMENT	VALMY DECOMM ID-OR	81933.51
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182436	4/30/2021	LEVELIZATION INTEREST	VALMY DECOMM ID-OR	2916.03

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 **UM 1853(4)**

3 I hereby certify that on May 25, 2021, I served a true and correct copy of Idaho  
4 Power Company's Notice of Application on the parties in Docket UE 382 by e-mail to said  
5 person(s) as indicated below.

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