

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 18, 2023

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: April 10, 2023

TO: Oregon Public Utility Commission

FROM: Eric Shierman

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, JP Batmale, and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER COMPANY:
(Docket No. UM 2035)
Motion to waive Transportation Electrification Plan Report.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Idaho Power Company's motion to waive the requirement to file a Transportation Electrification Plan Report in 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission or OPUC) should waive Idaho Power Company's (Idaho Power, IPC, or the Company) motion to waive the Transportation Electrification Plan Report (Report) requirement for calendar year 2023.

Applicable Rule or Law

OAR 860-087-0030(1) states: "Electric companies must file a TE Plan Report on or before May 1 of each year." OAR 860-087-001(2) provides that the Commission may waive any of the Division 87 rules for good cause shown.

Analysis

Background

On September 8, 2022, the Commission approved new administrative rules for transportation electrification (TE) planning in Division 87.¹ Those rules replaced the prior sections 30 and 40 with a new Section 30 prescribing an annual TE Plan Report. The first reporting deadline of this new requirement is May 1, 2023.

The annual Report is different from the TE Plan. Per the Division 87, the annual Report requires electric companies to disclose the expenditures and progress of existing TE programs and measures from the last TE Plan. Specifically, each annual Report requires:

- a. TE spending for the previous three years;
- b. TE funding for the previous three years;
- c. An evaluation of programs or infrastructure measures;
- d. A discussion of how the TE Plan met the performance areas;
- e. A benefit/cost analysis of the TE Plan over the previous three years;
- f. Analysis of the ratepayer impact over the past three years; and
- g. Analysis of how the TE Plan has impacted innovation, competition, and customer choice in Oregon.²

Together these reporting requirements compare the actual data from the implementation of the TE Plan with the assumptions of the previous planning cycle.

On March 31, 2023, Idaho Power filed a request to waive the annual Report requirement in 2023 while the TE Plan review is underway.³ On April 6, 2023, the Company provided historical TE expenditures going back to 2018.⁴ The Company filed a draft TE Plan on December 23, 2022. Since then, IPC has presented to stakeholders at a workshop, replied to Staff Comments, and filed a final version of the Company's TE Plan on March 10, 2023. The Commission will decide whether to accept Idaho Power's TE Plan at the May 2, 2023 Public Meeting.

¹ See Docket No. AR 654, OPUC, Order No. 22-336, September 2022, page 1.

² OAR 860-087-0030(1).

³ See Docket No. UM 2035, Idaho Power, Petition for Temporary Waiver, March 31, 2023, page 1.

⁴ See Docket No. UM 2035, Idaho Power, Response to OPUC IR 11, April 6, 2023, Attachment 1.

The Commission has already approved a similar waiver request. On January 10, 2023, PGE filed a motion for a waiver of Division 87 requirements that included a request to not file a TE Plan Report in 2023.⁵ The Commission approved PGE's request.⁶

Reason for Staff Recommendation

Staff finds Idaho Power has shown good cause for the Company's waiver request because Staff and stakeholders have sufficient background information to assess the Company's current TE Plan this year. IPC has provided sufficient reporting of the Company's previous TE program implementation and has provided data on historical spending. Staff looks forward to the deliberation on Idaho Power's 2023-2025 TE Plan at the public hearing and Commissioner work session scheduled for the regular agenda of the May 2, 2023 Public Meeting.

Conclusion

Staff recommends the Commission approve Idaho Power's request to waive the TE Plan Report requirement for 2023. The Company has provided sufficient information on the previous TE activities to assess its 2023-2025 TE Plan, making the annual report not necessary.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Idaho Power Company's motion to waive the requirement to file a Transportation Electrification Plan Report in 2023.

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⁵ See Docket No. UM 2033, PGE, Motion Requesting Extension of Filing Deadline Waiver, January 10, 2023, page 4.

⁶ See Docket No. UM 2033, OPUC, Order No. 23-034, February 8, 2023, page 1.