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RE: Advice No. 23-08

At the public meeting on October 3, 2023, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter docketed as ADV 1537. The Staff Report and a receipted copy of the sheets in your advice filing are attached.

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Chief Administrative Law Judge

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: October 3, 2023**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** _____ October 9, 2023

DATE: September 25, 2023

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Charles Lockwood

THROUGH: Caroline Moore **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER COMPANY:
(Docket No. ADV 1537/Advice No. 23-08)
Updates Schedule 62, Green Energy Purchase Program Rider to Clean Energy Your Way – Flexible.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Idaho Power Company’s (Idaho Power or Company) Advice No. 23-08 filing to update Schedule 62, changing the name from the Green Energy Purchase Program Ride (Optional) to Clean Energy Your Way – Flexible Program Rider (Optional), effective on and after October 9, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) should approve Idaho Power’s proposed revisions to Schedule 62, updating the tariff and program’s name, with an effective date of October 9, 2023.

Applicable Rule or Law

ORS 757.205 requires public utilities to file schedules showing all rates, tolls, and charges for service that have been established and are in force at the time. Pursuant to ORS 757.210, the Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just, and reasonable.

Filings that propose any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0015.

Analysis

The Green Energy Purchase Program is Idaho Power's Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) optional program. The Program was established in 2003 and designed to provide the Company's customers and non-customers an opportunity to participate in the purchasing of green energy.

Idaho Power is currently rebranding the entirety of the Company's clean energy offerings from "Green Energy" to "Clean Energy Your Way." Therefore, the Company has proposed to change the Company's REC purchase offering and Schedule 62 from "Green Energy Purchase Program Rider (Optional)" to "Clean Energy Your Way – Flexible Program Rider (Optional)." Idaho Power has proposed no changes to the customer program except the program name.

Conclusion

Staff has reviewed Idaho Power's filing and accompanying tariff schedules and supports the proposed revisions that update the Program's name. Idaho Power's filing does not make any programmatic or pricing changes, and only updates Schedule 62 and the Program's name. Staff believes that the name change is appropriate and adequately describes the customer program's offerings.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Idaho Power Company's Advice No. 23-08 filing to update Schedule 62, changing the name from the Green Energy Purchase Program Ride (Optional) to Clean Energy Your Way – Flexible Program Rider (Optional), effective on and after October 9, 2023.

SCHEDULE 62
CLEAN ENERGY YOUR WAY - FLEXIBLE
PROGRAM RIDER
(OPTIONAL)

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PURPOSE

The Clean Energy Your Way – Flexible offering is an optional, voluntary program designed to provide Customers and non-customer participants an opportunity to participate in the purchase of new environmentally friendly “green” energy.

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APPLICABILITY

Service under this schedule is applicable to all Customers and non-customer participants who choose to participate in this Program.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

For the purpose of this schedule, renewable energy will be in the form of Renewable Energy Certificates from new renewable projects as defined by the Center for Resource Solutions Green-e Energy standard. Renewable energy will be sourced from projects located in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council’s geographic area of authority with preference given to projects located in Idaho Power’s service area and the northwest. Renewable energy types will be primarily wind but may include other certified types such as solar, geothermal, low-impact hydroelectric, landfill gas, and biomass.

PURCHASE

Customer participants will designate one of two billing options upon enrollment. Non-customer participants may participate under Option 1.

Option 1: Block

Block Size: One Block equals 100 kWh of renewable energy
Charge Per Block: \$1.00 per month

Option 2: Total Usage

Customers may purchase renewable energy equal to their monthly usage each month at a price premium of 1.0 cent per billed kWh.

MONTHLY BILL

For a Customer who chooses Option 1, the monthly bill shall be the number of blocks the Customer has agreed to purchase multiplied by the Charge Per Block. For a Customer who chooses Option 2, the monthly bill shall be the Customer’s usage, times the price premium per kWh. The monthly bill is in addition to all other charges contained in the Customer’s applicable tariff schedule. A non-customer participant who chooses Option 1, will be issued a monthly invoice that reflects their designated fixed dollar per month amount.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

No funds collected from the Program Rider may be used for program administration (program management). A portion of the funds may be used to support program communications, participant outreach, and marketing.

SCHEDULE 62
CLEAN ENERGY YOUR WAY - FLEXIBLE
PROGRAM RIDER
(OPTIONAL)
(Continued)

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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Program participants may apply for, or terminate participation from, the Program anytime during the year. The Company may limit availability of the Program subject to available renewable power at the cost incurred under the terms described above.

No electric service disconnections will result in the event of non-payment of Program commitments.