

ITEM NO. CA4

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 9, 2017

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE March 15, 2017

DATE: February 27, 2017

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Scott Gibbens *for*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman *for*

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER COMPANY: (Docket No. ADV 504/Advice No. 17-02)  
Requests an update to charges and credits under Rule H, New Service Attachments and Distribution Line Installations or Alterations.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Idaho Power Company's (Idaho Power or Company) Advice No. 17-02, which updates charges and credits provided under the Company's Rule H, New Service Attachments and Distribution Line Installations or Alterations, effective on and after March 15, 2017.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether the Commission should allow Idaho Power to update certain charges and credits associated with new service attachments and distribution line installations or alterations to keep the charges and credits current with variations in actual costs.

Applicable Rule or Law

Idaho Power filed ADV 504 under ORS 757.205 on January 27, 2017. Under ORS 757.205, et seq., public utilities must file proposed changes to rates, schedules, rules, or regulations with the Commission. OAR 860-022-0025 specifies that such filings shall plainly indicate the proposed change, the number of customers affected by the proposed change and the resulting change in revenue, including a detailed statement setting forth the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed charge.

### Analysis

Idaho Power proposes to update its Rule H to keep all charges and credits associated with new service attachments and distribution line installations or alterations current with variations in actual costs.

Increases in labor and vehicle costs are the primary drivers for the changes, as well as the increase in the general overhead rate from 11 percent to 15 percent; however, an overall decrease in material costs partially offsets the increases in the charges.

Staff reviewed the filing to ensure all changes to the tariffs resulted in fair, just and reasonable rates. Staff asked three information requests about perceived differences between the stated change in costs and the changes Staff calculated in comparison to current rates. Staff was satisfied with Idaho Power's response and is confident that the proposed tariff changes accurately reflect the costs being covered by Rule H.

### Conclusion

Staff reviewed Idaho Power's filing and workpapers. Staff is satisfied that the Company has made the appropriate changes to Rule H and that its filing satisfies the Commission's requirements.

### **PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Approve Idaho Power's Advice No. 17-02 to be effective on and after March 15, 2017.