

ITEM NO. CA3

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 6, 2019

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE June 14, 2019

DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Mitchell Moore *MPM*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer *EPJ* and John Crider *JC*

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER COMPANY: (Docket No. ADV 969/Advice No. 19-06)
Housekeeping Updates to Schedule 98 – Residential and Small Farm
Energy Credit.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Idaho Power Company's (Idaho Power or Company) housekeeping filing that updates language in Schedule 98 – the Residential and Small Farm Energy Credit with an effective date of June 14, 2019.

ISSUE:

Whether the Commission should approve Idaho Power's proposed housekeeping revisions to its Schedule 98, with an effective date of June 14, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

Applicable Law

The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just and reasonable under ORS 757.210. Tariff revisions may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0025. 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. See ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0020.

Analysis

On May 14, 2019, Idaho Power filed a request to modify the language in its Tariff Schedule 98 in describing how an irrigation customer's qualifying energy will be identified for purposes of applying the Residential and Small Farm Energy Credit under Schedule 98.

Background:

Schedule 98 is the result of the settlement agreement between the Company and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). The schedule provides for the determination of benefits from the federal Columbia River power system directly to Idaho Power's qualifying residential and small farm customers.

Current filing:

BPA's Customer Load Eligibility Guidelines for the Residential Exchange Program Residential Purchase and Sale Agreements limit qualifying electric energy delivered to either the irrigation customer's actual metered energy or 222,000 kilowatt-hours, whichever is less. Currently, Idaho Power identifies an irrigation customer's qualifying energy by aggregating metered energy delivered using an irrigation customer's Tax Identification Number (TIN) or Social Security Number (SSN).

With this filing, Idaho Power plans to eliminate customer identification through TIN's and SSN's in its billing system to mitigate the risk associated with storing that sensitive data. Instead, the Company will identify irrigation customers at the Customer, or Business Partner level, as identified within Idaho Power's SAP billing system. This proposed change identifies irrigation customers in a manner consistent with the definition of a Customer as defined in Rule B of the Company's tariff.

This change is housekeeping in nature, and has no customer impact.

Conclusion

Staff reviewed the Company's filing and the Company's requested changes to its Schedule 98 tariff. Staff is satisfied that the changes are appropriate, do not make substantive changes and reflect the current status of the tariff as previously approved by the Commission.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Idaho Power's housekeeping filing that revises its Schedule 98 Tariff, with service on and after June 14, 2019.

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