

April 17, 2023

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ATTN: Filing Center Public Utility Commission of Oregon 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-1166

Re: Docket PCN 5 – Idaho Power Company, Petition for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

To Filing Center:

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff (Staff) submits for filing the enclosed errata to the Opening Testimony of Staff Witness Sudeshna Pal, Exhibit Staff/100, Pal/8. Also enclosed is a redline page with corrections identified. This errata clarifies references to the number of parcels for which condemnation may be necessary and to the associated number of landowners.

Sincerely,

/s/ Johanna M. Riemenschneider

Johanna M. Riemenschneider Assistant Attorney General Business Activities Section

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Hemingway substation in Owyhee County, Idaho. This proposed transmission line is referred to as Boardman to Hemingway or B2H.

The proposed route of the B2H project includes federal, state and private lands. Because Idaho Power does not hold an easement for each interest in private land along the proposed route, condemnation of an interest in such land would be necessary in order to build and operate the transmission line. The CPCN is a prerequisite for Idaho Power to initiate condemnation proceedings to take an interest in private land.

- Q. How many parcels of land will require condemnation if Idaho Power does not negotiate an easement interest with the respective owners?
- A. In Idaho Power/200/Barretto/28, the Company identified a need to acquire outstanding easements from 168 landowners. In the Supplemental testimony filed by Idaho Power on December 30, 2022, the Company states that it has executed an additional 22 easement option agreements and identified and removed 34 parcels on the landowner list that do not contain any project features and hence would not require an easement option.<sup>2</sup> The Company also stated that it now has a total of 51 parcels under contract, which will not require condemnation.<sup>3</sup> On the basis of this update, Staff concludes that there are (422 minus 22 minus 34 = 366) 366 outstanding parcels for which Idaho Power would be seeking condemnation of easement interests.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Idaho Power/300/Barretto/5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Id.

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- Q. How many parcels of land will require condemnation if Idaho Power does not negotiate an easement interest with the respective owners?
- A. In Idaho Power/200/Barretto/28, the Company identified a need to acquire 168 outstanding easements from 168 landowners. In the Supplemental testimony filed by Idaho Power on December 30, 2022, the Company states that it has executed an additional 22 easement option agreements and identified and removed 34 parcels on the landowner list that do not contain any project features and hence would not require an easement option.<sup>2</sup> The Company also stated that it now has a total of 51 parcels under contract, which will not require condemnation.<sup>3</sup> On the basis of this update, Staff concludes that there are (168 422 minus 22 minus 34 = 112366) 112-366 outstanding parcels for which Idaho Power would be seeking condemnation of easement interests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Idaho Power/300/Barretto/5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Id.

## **DOCKET PCN 5 - CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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served by USPS First Class Mail to said person at his last known address as indicated below:

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DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

/s/ Johanna Riemenschneider

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