

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1621(13)

In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY,

Application for Reauthorization to Defer
Costs Associated with Intervenor Funding
Grants.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on December 9, 2025, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter. The Staff Report with the recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

BY THE COMMISSION:



Alison Lackey

Chief Administrative Law Judge



A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Circuit Court for Marion County in compliance with ORS 183.484.

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 9, 2025**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** _____ **N/A**

DATE: November 19, 2025

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kathy Zarate

THROUGH: Scott Gibbens and Michelle Scala **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER:
(Docket No. UM 1621(13))
Request for Re-authorization to Deferral of Costs Associated with
Intervenor Funding Grants.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Idaho Power Company's (Idaho Power, IPC, or Company) request for reauthorization to defer costs associated with Intervenor Funding for the 12-month period beginning August 1, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Idaho Power's request for reauthorization to record and defer cost related to intervenor funding grants for 12-month period.

Applicable Law

ORS 757 .072 authorizes a utility to enter into funding agreements with organizations that represent broad customer interests in Commission proceedings. Once a funding agreement is approved by the Commission, organizations eligible to receive grants under the funding agreement are identified pursuant to OAR 860-001-0120. When a public utility provides financial assistance under a funding agreement, ORS 757.072(4) states that the Commission must allow a public utility to defer inclusion of the funding provided in rates as provided in ORS 757.259.

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Analysis

Background

On December 29, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 20-493 in UM 2126 approving the Intervenor Funding Agreement ("Agreement") between Idaho Power and CUB dated January 1, 2021. Per the terms of the Agreement, it is effective from January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2025.

Although the current Agreement expires on December 31, 2025, the Company anticipates an extension of the Agreement or an execution of a new agreement with equivalent terms that would allow Idaho Power to recover all amounts paid under the agreement and provides for amortization of amounts deferred under the agreement. Should the parties not extend the existing Agreement or execute a new agreement, the Company requests approval to defer those CUB intervenor funding amounts approved by the Commission during the January 1, 2026, and July 31, 2026, time period, in addition to those intervenor funding amounts approved under the Agreement.

The Agreement sets forth the amount of funding available to CUB, the procedures for budget submittals and funding requests by CUB, Commission approval of budget submittals and funding requests, and payment of the grants by Idaho Power.

The Agreement provides that the Commission shall allow Idaho Power to recover all amounts paid under the Agreement and provides for amortization of amounts deferred under the Agreement.

In addition, The Company will continue to incur CUB intervenor funding expenses pursuant to the Agreement approved by Commission Order No. 20-493 and anticipates incurring CUB intervenor funding expenses under a similar arrangement in the future. The Company wishes to continue to use the deferral mechanism as approved. Idaho Power requests that the deferral continue and that the additional amounts the Company is required to pay to CUB during the period of August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026, be treated similarly.

Description of Expenses

The Company seeks reauthorization from the Commission to continue accruing, for future amortization as set forth in the Agreement between Idaho Power and CUB, costs associated with providing intervenor funding pursuant to ORS 757.072 and Order No. 20-493 to the CUB Fund and the Issue Fund.

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Proposed Accounting

The Company proposes to record payment of CUB intervenor funding grants in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Account 182.3, Other Regulatory Assets.

Reasons for Deferral

ORS 757.072 authorizes the Commission to approve an agreement for intervenor funding between an energy utility and a customer organization that represents broad customer interests.

Estimate of Amounts

The Company anticipates the maximum amount deferred during each calendar year will be \$64,500 consisting of \$33,000 for the CUB Fund and \$31,500 for the Issue Fund pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Agreement, plus any rollover amounts permitted by Section 4.3 of the Agreement.

Deferred amounts will accrue interest at Idaho Power's authorized rate of return. Based on this estimate for August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, time period and those expenses deferred since amortization of prior deferred CUB intervenor funding amounts began on June 1, 2025, Idaho Power estimates the total of the account balances associated with intervenor funding paid to CUB will be approximately \$64,500.

The Agreement permits CUB to request grants from the funds at any time during the calendar year. Amounts will be debited to the deferral account as the funds are actually disbursed. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the CUB Fund Grants will be charged to and paid for by the residential customer class.

Information Related to Future Amortization

- Earnings Review- Pursuant to Commission Order No. 18-017, Appendix A at paragraph 7.9: If a Participating Public Utility seeks rate recovery through a deferred account, the account and amortization of the account shall be exempt from the amortization caps and earnings test set forth in subsections 5,6,7,8 and 10 of ORS 757.259, as such subsections may be amended from time to time and shall not be included in any calculation of the amortization cap for other deferred accounts.
- Prudence Review- For amortization, the prudence review should be limited to verification of the accounting methodology used to determine the final amortization balance.

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- Sharing - This deferral is not subject to a sharing mechanism. • Rate Spread/Design - Account balances are to be spread to the appropriate customer classes per Order No. 18-017, Appendix A at paragraph 7.7(b).
- Three Percent Test (ORS 757.259(6))- The three percent test does not apply to amortization of this deferral. See "Earnings Review" above.

Conclusion

The Company's application meets the requirements of ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027- 0300 for deferred accounting, and the reason for the deferral (i.e., costs related to intervenor funding grants) is still valid.

Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve Idaho Power's application.

The Company has reviewed a draft of this memo and voiced no concerns.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Idaho Power's Application to defer the costs associated with Intervenor Funding Grants for the 12-month period beginning August 1, 2025.

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