

ORDER NO. 26-033

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1730(14)

In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY,

Application to Update Schedule 85
Qualifying Facility Information.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on February 3, 2026, 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



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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: February 3, 2026**

REGULAR X **CONSENT** **EFFECTIVE DATE** February 3, 2026

DATE: January 23, 2026

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Ryan Bain

THROUGH: Caroline Moore, Scott Gibbens, and Curtis Dlouhy **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER COMPANY:
(Docket No. UM 1730(14))
Post 2025 Integrated Resource Plan Acknowledgement
Update to Standard Avoided Cost Schedule for Qualifying Facilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Suspend Idaho Power Company's (Idaho Power or Company) post-2025 IRP acknowledgment update to its Schedule 85, Cogeneration and Small Power Production Standard Contract Rates, for investigation.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Idaho Power's post 2025 IRP acknowledgment update of its Schedule 85, Cogeneration and Small Power Production Standard Contract Rates.

Applicable Orders and Rules

ORS 758.525(1) provides that "at least once every two years each electric utility shall prepare, publish and file with the Public Utility Commission a schedule of avoided costs equaling the utility's forecasted incremental cost of electric resources over at least the next 20 years. Prices contained in the schedules filed by public utilities shall be reviewed and approved by the commission."

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OAR 860-029-0085(1) specifies that each public utility must file with the Commission standard avoided cost rates within 30 days of a Commission decision regarding acknowledgement of the public utility's IRP to be effective 30 days after filing unless otherwise determined by the Commission.

OAR 860-029-0085(3) provides the standard avoided cost rates filed by a public utility under sections (1) of this rule are subject to review and approval as well as modification by the Commission. The Commission may suspend the standard avoided cost rates during review. In any such review, the public utility has the burden of supporting and justifying its standard avoided cost rates. The standard avoided cost rates will be effective 30 days after filing unless otherwise determined by the Commission.

OAR 860-029-0005(4) provides that the Commission may waive any of the Division 29 rules for good cause shown upon request or its own motion.

Analysis

Background

On December 9, 2025, the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC or Commission) acknowledged Idaho Power Company's 2025 IRP in Order No. 25-503 (IRP Order) at its regular public meeting.

On January 8, 2026, in compliance with the above stated order, rules, and statutes, Idaho Power filed its revised Schedule 85, Cogeneration and Small Power Production Standard Contract Rates, Sheet Nos. 85-8 through 85-11. This filing includes updated Natural Gas Forward Prices, Electric Forward Prices, an updated Deficiency start date, and updated solar and wind integration charges based on the 2025 IRP Variable Energy Resource Integration Study ("2025 VER Study"). There were no changes to the status of the Production Tax Credit, nor changes to Solar plus Storage Premium Peak Hours.

Staff Concern

Staff's review of the Company's workpapers is incomplete as it awaits receipt of the Company's "2025 VER Study". As such, further investigation is necessary before Staff can make a recommendation on whether the filed rates are in compliance with the Commission approved methodology for Idaho Power's avoided cost rates. Staff has not identified any concerns with the Company's filing as yet and plans to bring the filing before the Commission at the next regular public meeting on the seventeenth of February after completing its review of the Company's "2025 VER Study". This brief suspension of the filing will allow for Staff and stakeholders to complete a full review of the Company's filing without undue delay.

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Conclusion

Consistent with ORS 860-029-0005(4), Staff recommends that the Commission suspend the Company's filing for further investigation.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Suspend Idaho Power Company's update of Schedule 85, Cogeneration and Small Power Production Standard Contract Rates for investigation.

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