

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2442

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Plan to Modify 2026 Filing and Decision
Schedules for Idaho Power and Waiver
Request.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on April 14, 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



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.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: April 6, 2026

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Scott Gibbens and Nora Xu

THROUGH: Caroline Moore **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER:
(Docket No. UM 2442)
Plan to Modify 2026 Filing and Decision Schedules for Idaho Power and Waiver Request.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Staff's proposal to adjust certain filing and review timelines for Idaho Power in 2026.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC or Commission) should approve Staff's proposal to adjust the filing and review timelines for Idaho Power in 2026.

Applicable Rule or Law

OAR 860, Division 082 outlines the State's Small Generator Interconnection Procedures (SGIP). Under OAR 860-082-0010, the Commission may waive any of its Division 082 rules for good cause shown.

OAR 860, Division 090 outlines the State's rules for Integrated Resource Plans and Clean Energy Plans. Under OAR 860-090-0010, the Commission may waive any of its Division 090 rules for good cause shown.

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Analysis

Background

On February 19, 2026, Idaho Power and Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative (OTEC) announced they have entered into an agreement to transition ownership of Idaho Power's Oregon service area.¹ Due to the uncertainty created by a potential service territory transfer and competing demands on PUC, IPC, and stakeholder bandwidth, Staff believes that several implementation activities and proceedings that can be delayed pending the Commission's review of the forthcoming service territory transfer proposal without negative impacts on customers, the Company, or the public interest. The remainder of this Staff report outlines these implementation activities and requirements and proposes Commission actions that facilitate the delay.

Staff proposal

Staff proposes the following schedule modification and associated Commission direction:

Activity	Description	Proposed Schedule Modification
2026 Distribution System Plan	Idaho Power's current deadline to file its next DSP is on or before July 31, 2026. ² The Company's Oregon distribution system assets and capital plans will be under thorough examination in the service territory transfer investigation. There will be minimal impact to delaying the development and review of its next DSP pending the service territory transfer investigation.	Revise the filing date for Idaho Power to file its next Distribution System Plan to be on or before July 31, 2027. This is an extension of one year from the previous filing deadline.
2026 IRP Update	Under the Commission's IRP administrative rules, Idaho Power is required to file its next IRP Update on or before June 27, 2026. ³ If Idaho Power skips the 2026 IRP Update, the next IRP Update is due to be filed on June 27, 2027.	Waive Idaho Power's requirement to file a 2026 IRP Update.

¹ *Idaho Power and Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative Announce Agreement to Transfer Ownership of Idaho Power's Oregon Service Area*, February 19, 2026, accessed at: <https://www.idahopower.com/news/idaho-power-and-oregon-trail-electric-cooperative-announce-agreement-to-transfer-ownership-of-idaho-powers-oregon-service-area/>.

² Docket No. UM 2005, Order No. 25-486, December 9, 2025.

³ OAR 860-090-0110(2).

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	<p>Staff believes there is good cause to waive the requirement to file an IRP Update in 2026 given bandwidth and uncertainty surrounding Oregon’s jurisdiction over Idaho Power resource decisions. Further, Idaho Power is not required to provide specific items with its next IRP update, making the impact of the delay minimal.⁴</p>	
<p>AR 683 Interconnection Temporary Rules</p>	<p>On March 31, 2026, the Commission adopted temporary rules to be added to Division 82 Small Generator Interconnection Procedures in Response to Executive Order No. 25-25.⁵ The Commission also ordered the utilities to take certain implementation actions by April 15, 2026.</p> <p>Due to the limited number of Oregon-jurisdictional small generator interconnections requests received by Idaho Power and the uncertainty surrounding distribution asset ownership and the retail supply obligations, Staff believes there is good cause to a waive the new requirements. This will allow Staff to focus on rule implementation for PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric.</p>	<p>Waive the temporary rules for Idaho Power and the requirement to make associated implementation actions by April 15, 2026.</p> <p>If the Commission does not grant a waiver, Staff recommends the Commission direct Idaho Power: (1) to publish its process, data, and analytical criteria for third party SIS by May 1, 2026, and (2) update its hosting capacity data online by May 1, 2026, if it has not been updated since July 31, 2025.</p>
<p>UM 2434 Waiver of Competitive Bidding Rules</p>	<p>On February 20, 2026, Idaho Power filed an application to waive the Commission’s Competitive Bidding Rules in OAR Chapter 860, Division 20 to allow an expedited procurement of capacity resources identified through the 2032 RFP.</p> <p>Staff is confident that delaying review and Commission decision on this waiver request is low risk for Oregon customers due to the size and timing of the Company’s resource adequacy need, the low cost and risk profile of the resources being pursued, and the RFP oversight process provided by the Idaho Public Utility Commission.</p>	<p>Delay the procedural schedule for reviewing the UM 2434 waiver request until after the Commission’s decision on the forthcoming service territory allocation transfer proposal.</p>

⁴ LC 87, Order No. 25-503, December 2, 2025.

⁵ AR 683, Order No. 26-108, April 1, 2026.

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<p>Schedule 19 Large Customer Contracts</p>	<p>Idaho Power’s Rule C and Schedule 19 Large Power Service requires customers to make special contract arrangements with customers that exceed 20 MW. The Company has indicated that an existing large customer expects to exceed this load threshold at the end of 2026. This customer is not assigned a qualifying NAICS code for a data centers under House Bill 3546.</p> <p>Staff believes that it is reasonable to delay the administrative burden of reviewing a large customer special contract until after the Commission’s decision on the forthcoming service territory allocation transfer proposal.</p>	<p>Direct Idaho Power to file a tariff update to Schedule 19 and Rule C prior to any customer exceeding the demand eligibility requirements that creates a grace period for executing a special contract. The grace period would allow the Company to continue to serve the customer on Schedule 19 during the duration of the contract period while a special contract is negotiated and ultimately filed for approval before the Commission.</p>
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Staff commits to work with the Company to monitor and address timing of the Company’s forthcoming depreciation study at the end of 2026⁶ and any other issues that arise during the review of the forthcoming service territory allocation transfer.

Staff also confirms that it will be important for Idaho Power to continue to provide all required energy burden-related reporting in Docket No. RO 16.

Conclusion

Due to service territory transfer and competing demands on PUC, IPC, and stakeholder bandwidth, Staff has identified several implementation activities and proceedings that can be delayed pending the Commission’s review of the forthcoming service territory transfer proposal without negative impacts on customers or the public interest.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Staff’s proposal to adjust the following filing and review timelines for Idaho Power in 2026:

- Revise the filing date for Idaho Power Company’s next Distribution System Plan to be on or before July 31, 2027.

⁶ 860-027-0350(2) Requires that utilities must file a new depreciation study with the Commission no less frequently than once every five years. The Commission last approved Idaho Power’s depreciation study via Order No. 22-001 on January 3, 2022.

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- Grant a waiver of Idaho Power's requirement to file a 2026 IRP Update under OAR 860-090-0110(2) for good cause.
- Grant a waiver for Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power or Company) of the Commission's temporary rules in OAR 860-082-0060(7)(c), OAR 860-082-0060(7)(m), OAR 860-082-0060(7)(n), OAR 860-082-0060(7)(o), OAR 860-082-0060(12), OAR 860-082-0060(13), and OAR 860-082-0060(14) for good cause.
- Delay the procedural schedule for reviewing the UM 2434 competitive bidding rules waiver request until after the Commission's decision on the forthcoming service territory allocation transfer proposal.
- Direct Idaho Power to file a tariff update to Schedule 19 and Rule C prior to any customer exceeding demand eligibility requirements.