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*VIA ELECTRONIC FILING*

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Filing Center  
201 High Street SE, Suite 100  
P.O. Box 1088  
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Re: 2<sup>nd</sup> Supplemental Tariff Advice No. 20-07  
Schedule 101/Docket No. UM 1930 Community Solar Program

Attention Filing Center:

Pursuant to ORS 757.205, OAR 860-022-0025, and OAR 860-022-0030, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") initially submitted Tariff Advice No. 20-07 on July 2, 2020, requesting authorization to implement a new schedule in the Company's tariff, Schedule 101, Community Solar Program (Optional) with an effective date of July 29, 2020. At Staff's request, Idaho Power requested an August 12, 2020 effective date in a revised advice filed on July 23, 2020. The refinement requested today relates to administrative program costs and an extension of the effective date from August 12, 2020 to August 26, 2020 to allow Staff more time to perform their review.

The purpose of Tariff Advice 20-07 is to establish the terms under which qualifying Idaho Power customers may participate in the Community Solar Program. Idaho Power's intent in providing this tariff is to supplement the information outlined in the authorities that govern the Community Solar Program, particularly that included within OAR 860-088 and the Community Solar Program Implementation Manual. Based on updated information since administrative program costs were first estimated in October 2019, Idaho Power proposes a revised rate of \$0.48 per kW/month.

Additionally, because the program's administrative costs are recovered on a per-unit basis, and due to the low-income exemption provided for in Order 19-392, it is possible that the amounts recovered at the end of each year will not reflect costs actually incurred. Therefore, prior to incurring any ongoing administration costs, the Company will request approval of a balancing account mechanism in a future filing to track actual ongoing utility administration costs and the amount recovered from participants.

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Also attached is an L.S.N as this filing is less than 30 days of the requested effective date of August 26, 2020.

If you have any substantive questions regarding this filing, please contact Regulatory Analyst Kelley Noe at (208) 388-5736 or [knoe@idahopower.com](mailto:knoe@idahopower.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa D. Nordstrom".

Lisa D. Nordstrom

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Attachment  
cc: UM 1930

SCHEDULE 101  
COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM  
(OPTIONAL)

PURPOSE

The operation of the Community Solar Program is pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule 860-088-0005 through 860-088-0190, which establish rules governing implementation of a community solar program under Oregon Laws 2016, chapter 28, section 22.

AVAILABILITY

This schedule is applicable to Participants that hold evidence of a subscription or an ownership to the electric output of a portion of a certified community solar project in Idaho Power's Oregon service area.

APPLICABILITY

The Community Solar Program is available to Residential, General Service, Large Power and Irrigation Service customers.

DEFINITIONS

Annual Billing Period means the period beginning on the first day of the April billing month and running through the close of the March billing month, unless the Company and Project Manager agree otherwise.

Bill Credit means the amount in dollars that Participants receive from their electric utility for the electricity generated from their Participant Interest in a Project.

Bill Credit Rate is the rate, reflected as a dollars per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") value, at which the Company will provide credits to a Participant for the energy produced by their Participation Interest in a Project. The Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") will assign a Bill Credit Rate to each Project at the time of Project pre-certification. The Bill Credit Rate will remain fixed for the term of the 20-year period covered by a Project Manager's Community Solar Power Purchase Agreement.

Company means Idaho Power Company.

Eligible Expenses are all utility charges and on-bill Participant and Program Fees. Bill credits cannot offset non-utility charges, which are collected on the utility bill, but are passed on to third parties.

Low-Income Participant is defined as a residential customer whose gross annual household income is less than or equal to 80 percent of the Oregon State median family (or household) income. Income verification will be conducted by the Low-Income Facilitator.

Low-Income Facilitator means the entity responsible for serving as a liaison among Low-Income residential customers and affiliated organizations and Project Managers to help meet Low-Income capacity requirements in accordance with OAR 860-088-0080(2) or as determined by the Commission.

Participant means an owner or subscriber of a Project as defined in OAR 860-088-0010(6) and (15).

Participant kWh Share is the amount of kWh generation from the Project that is attributed to the Participant based on the Participation Interest.

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DEFINITIONS (Continued)

Participation Fees means the ownership or subscription fees charged by the Project Manager that may be listed on a Participant's utility bill, or may be off-bill, reflecting monthly cost to own or subscribe to a Project. Participation Fees are based on the terms of each Participant's contract with the Project Manager.

Participation Interest means a Participant's proportional share of a Project, defined on a kilowatt ("kW") capacity basis, and based on the terms of each Participant's contract with the Project Manager.

Program Administrator means the third-party entity directed by the Commission to administer the Community Solar Program.

Program Administrator Fee means the fee that the Company collects on each Participant's utility bill to fund the Program Administrator and Low-Income Facilitator, in accordance with OAR 860-088-0120(3)(b).

Program Fees are fees that the Company collects on each Participant's utility bill to fund the administration of the Community Solar Program in accordance with OAR 860-088-0160(2) and the Program Implementation Manual. Program Fees include a Program Administrator Fee and a Utility Administration Fee. Program Fees, expressed in terms of \$/kW/month, are subject to Commission approval and adjusted annually. Low-income Participants are exempt from Program Fees.

Program Implementation Manual means the set of guidelines and requirements for implementing the Community Solar Program adopted by the Commission in Order No. 19-438, as may be periodically amended.

Project or Community Solar Program ("CSP") Project means a solar photovoltaic energy facility used to generate electric energy on behalf of Participants and for which Participants receive credit on their electric bills as provided in OAR Chapter 860, Division 88, and the Program Implementation Manual.

Project Manager is the entity having responsibility for managing the operation of a Project, as defined in ORS 757.386(1)(d).

Utility Administration Fee means the fee that the Company collects on each Participant's utility bill to fund the Company's administration of the Community Solar Program, in accordance with OAR 860-088-0160(2).

BILLING

A Participant's monthly bill will include charges for retail electric service and as directed by OAR 860-088-0120(3)(a)-(c) the utility will collect on a Participant's electricity bill: ownership or subscription fees, fees owed to fund the Program Administrator and Low-Income Facilitator, and additional fees collectible imposed by Commission order. A Participant will also receive Bill Credits as provided in OAR 860-088-0170.

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BILLING (Continued)

Bill Credit

The Company will apply a credit to each Participant's monthly utility bill in accordance with the process and calculations set forth in ORS 757.386(6), OAR 860-088-0170, and the Program Implementation Manual. The Program Administrator will calculate the value of a Bill Credit based on the Participant's kWh Share multiplied by the Project's Bill Credit Rate. The Bill Credit can be used to offset all Eligible Expenses on a Participant's monthly utility bill. A Participant may not cash out Bill Credits.

Bill Credit Rate

The Commission will establish a Project's Bill Credit Rate at the time of Project pre-certification. The Commission has adopted the following Bill Credit Rates based on the capacity of pre-certified projects to come online in the Company's Oregon Service area:

- 1) \$0.0848/ kWh – applies to first 3.27 MW of Program capacity for the Company's Oregon service area

Participation Fees

The Company will apply Participation Fees, if applicable, to each Participant's utility bill in the amounts determined by the Program Administrator.

Program Fees

The Company will apply Program Fees, if applicable, to each Participant's utility bill. Program Fees will be based on each Participant's Participation Interest in the Project. Program fees (both Utility Administration and Program Administrator fees) are updated on an annual basis and posted on the [www.oregoncsp.org](http://www.oregoncsp.org) website.

Current Program Fee Amounts:

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| Program Administrator Fee:  | \$0.85 /kW/month |
| Utility Administration Fee: | \$0.48 /kW/month |
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| Program Fees (total):       | \$1.33 /kW/month |

Excess Credit

If a Participant accrues Bill Credits that exceed the Eligible Expenses on their monthly utility bill, the excess Bill Credit amount will be carried forward and applied to the Participant's subsequent utility bills through the end of the Annual Billing Period. In accordance with the Program Implementation Manual, a Participant may not cash out excess Bill Credit amounts.

Annual Bill Credit Reconciliation

Under OAR 860-088-0090(2) and OAR 860-088-0170(4), a Participant is not permitted to receive Bill Credits for more energy than they consume on an annual basis. If a Participant's Participation Interest in a Project generates more energy than their annual usage, the Company will apply an adjustment charge to the Participant's next monthly bill in accordance with the process set forth in the Program Implementation Manual. This adjustment may appear on a Participant's bill 30-60 days after the end of Annual Billing Period depending on a Participant's bill cycle. Participant's annual excess generation will be calculated based on the Participant's usage and their share of Project generation during the Annual Billing Period. The Excess Credits as determined during the Annual Bill Credit Reconciliation will be donated to the Company's low-income program and valued at the as-available avoided cost rate contained in the then applicable Schedule 100, or other successor tariff schedule.

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BILLING (Continued)Timing

In accordance with the Program Implementation Manual, the Company will post a Participant's Bill Credit to their account on the ninth calendar day of each month, unless the ninth calendar day is a Sunday or holiday, in which case the Bill Credit will post on the following calendar day. If a Participant's billing period ends after the ninth calendar day of the month, their bill will reflect their Bill Credit for the previous month. If a Participant's billing period ends before or on the ninth calendar day of the month, their bill will reflect a one-month lag in the application of the Bill Credit.

Nonpayment and Underpayment

In accordance with the Program Implementation Manual, the Company will recover any unpaid Participation or Program Fees on the Participant's next monthly utility bill. At the direction of the Program Administrator, the Company will suspend the application of Bill Credits or terminate a Participant's Participation Interest for failure to pay Participation and Program Fees in full.

Utility Disconnection

Utility disconnection may result in the early termination of a Participant's Participation Interest, subject to the terms of a Participant's agreement with the Project Manager. If the Company disconnects a Participant's utility service temporarily, the Company will apply the Bill Credits, Participation Fees and Program that accrue during a period of disconnection to the Participant's next monthly utility bill in accordance with the Program Implementation Manual and if the utility service agreement isn't terminated.

SPECIAL CONDITIONSPortability

A Participant may retain their Participation Interest in a CSP Project if they re-locate to another site within the Company's Oregon service area in accordance with the terms of the Program Implementation Manual and, if applicable, their agreement with the Project Manager.

Transferability

A Participant may transfer their Participation Interest in a CSP Project to another eligible customer of their choosing in accordance with the terms of the Program Implementation Manual and, if applicable, their contract with the Project Manager. Any fees assessed by the Project Manager for the transfer of a Participant's Participation Interest will not be reflected on the Participant's utility bill. Low-income Participants are exempt from these fees. Bill Credits and Participation Fees may take up to sixty (60) days to be removed from a Participant's monthly utility bill. A Participant may not cash out any accumulated Bill Credits or any excess Bill Credits.

Changes

A Participant may change their Participation Interest in accordance with the terms of the Program Implementation Manual and, if applicable, their agreement with the Project Manager. Any fees assessed by the Project Manager to change the size of a Participant's Participation Interest will not be reflected on the Participant's utility bill. Low-Income Participants are exempt from these fees.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

Early Termination

A Participant or Project Manager may terminate a Participation Interest before the end of the contract term, in accordance with the terms of the Program Implementation Manual, and, if applicable, their agreement with the Project Manager. Any early termination fees assessed by the Project Manager will not be reflected on the Participant's utility bill. When a Participant or Project Manager terminates a Participation Interest, the Company will donate any Excess Credit amounts associated with the Participant's Participation Interest, valued at the as-available avoided cost rate contained in the then applicable Schedule 100, or other successor tariff schedule, to the Company's low-income program.

Completion

A Participant's Participation Interest is complete when the final Bill Credit amounts are applied to the Participant's monthly utility bill and the Program Administrator completes the final Bill Credit reconciliation according to OAR 860-088-0170(4).

Term

This Schedule will apply for the term agreed to between a Participant and the Project Manager, not to extend beyond the end date of the Annual Billing Period following the termination of the Project Manager's CSP Purchase Agreement.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Service under this Schedule will be in accordance with the standard Rules and Regulations of the Company as on file with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

## LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE APPLICATION

This document may be electronically filed by sending it as an attachment to an electronic mail message addressed to the Commission's Filing Center at [puc.filingcenter@state.or.us](mailto:puc.filingcenter@state.or.us).

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF<br><br><u>Idaho Power Company</u><br>(UTILITY COMPANY)<br><br>TO WAIVE STATUTORY NOTICE. | )<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>) | UTILITY L.S.N. APPLICATION<br><br>NO. _____<br>(LEAVE BLANK) |
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**NOTE: ATTACH EXHIBIT IF SPACE IS INSUFFICIENT.**

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) ADDITION, DELETION, OR CHANGE. (SCHEDULE INCLUDES ALL RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SAME)  
 Authorizaition to implement a new schedule in the Company's tariff, Schedule 101, Community Solar Program (Optional).

2. APPLICANT DESIRES TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE(S) NOW ON FILE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE, AND ITEM)  
 Schedule 101 - Community Solar Program, new schedule.

3. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE AND ITEM)  
 Schedule 101 - Community Solar Program - new schedule

4. REASONS FOR REQUESTING A WAIVER OF STATUTORY NOTICE:  
 Idaho Power is submitting this L.S. N. for Advice No. 20-07 with an effective date of August 26, 2020 at Staff's request. The filing is being provided less than 30 days between the date of this filing and the requested effective date.

5. REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE(S):    August 26, 2020

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