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Re: RE136 - Transmission Updates: 2nd Quarter 2025

Attention Filing Center:

Attached please find the 2nd Quarter 2025 Transmission Update regarding the Gateway West and Boardman to Hemingway transmission projects. This update provides a description of the developments that transpired in the second quarter of 2025.

This filing should be brought to the attention of Matt Muldoon, Program Manager. If you have any questions, please contact Regulatory Projects Coordinator Courtney Waites at (208) 388-5612.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Aschenbrenner".

Connie Aschenbrenner

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Attachment

Idaho Power Company's
Transmission Update for 2nd Quarter 2025
August 6, 2025

In late 2013, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”), requested¹ that Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power” or “Company”) provide quarterly updates regarding the Energy Gateway West transmission project (“Gateway West”) developed jointly between PacifiCorp and Idaho Power (“Companies”). Commission Staff requested that, for each sub-segment² of this project, the Company provide a description of the developments³ that transpired in the previous quarter. Similarly, in 2017, Commission Staff requested⁴ that Idaho Power provide updates on the permitting or completion of the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project (“B2H”). Finally, in 2023, the Commission directed Idaho Power to document the Company’s monitoring and pursuit of grant opportunities for B2H.⁵ The Company committed to providing updates as part of this quarterly notification.

Gateway West

On November 14, 2013, the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) released its record of decision (“ROD”) authorizing Segments 1 through 7 and 10 of Gateway West. The BLM postponed a decision on the remaining segments — Segment 8 (Midpoint to Hemingway) and Segment 9 (Cedar Hill substation to Hemingway) — to resolve routing in the affected areas.

On May 5, 2017, President Trump signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017, which incorporated by reference the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Boundary Modification Act (“Modification Act”). The Modification Act directed the Secretary of Interior to issue a right-of-way for the portions of the Companies’ preferred routes for Segments 8 and 9 that are located within the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (“NCA”). On April 18, 2018, the BLM released a record of decision authorizing Segments 8 and 9.

2nd Quarter 2025 Project Developments

In March 2023, PacifiCorp, as Project Manager, initiated the pre-construction phase of approximately 620 miles of 500-kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line from the Populus substation near

¹ Commission Staff Data Request No. 1, Transmission Updates Docket, dated December 17, 2013.

² Segment E extends across southern Idaho and is comprised of the following sub-segments: Hemingway to Cedar Hill, Hemingway to Midpoint, Midpoint to Cedar Hill, Midpoint to Borah, Borah to Populus, Cedar Hill to Populus; and Segment D comprised by the following sub-segments: Populus to Bridger, Bridger to Aeolus, and Aeolus to Windstar.

³ As defined in Staff’s Data Request No. 1, by developments, Commission Staff means any federal, state, and local permitting, regulatory, and other events.

⁴ Commission Staff Data Request No. 65, Docket UE 316.

⁵ Docket LC 78, Idaho Power 2021 Integrated Resource Plan, Order No. 23-004.

Downey, Idaho to the Hemingway substation near Melba, Idaho, known as Segment E⁶. Project briefing meetings have been held with each applicable county's commissioners to provide an update on the project, schedule and to review next steps.

Current permitting and pre-construction activities are focused on Segment E-8 ("Segment 8"), the section of line between Hemingway and Midpoint substations. Idaho Power's ownership interest in Segment 8 is 99 percent. Contracts have been awarded for biological resources, cultural resources, right of entry and right of way, federal and county permitting, engineer of record, and public affairs services. The engineering team is progressing to a 60 percent design level. Cultural and environmental surveys are in progress. Right of entry is nearly complete. Idaho Power expects the in-service date for this section of line, or a portion of this section, will be no earlier than 2028.

Idaho Power and PacifiCorp continue to coordinate the timing of next steps to best meet customer and system needs – including potentially modifying the ownership structure of a few segments of the project.

Boardman to Hemingway

The Companies are parties to the B2H Transmission Project Construction Funding Agreement to jointly support and contribute funds for the design, engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning of a new, approximately 300-mile-long, 500-kV, single-circuit electric transmission line from the proposed Longhorn Substation near Boardman, Oregon to the Hemingway Substation near Melba, Idaho. Idaho Power's ownership interest in the project is approximately 45 percent and it is the construction project manager for B2H. PacifiCorp has the remaining approximately 55 percent ownership interest. All necessary ROD's have been issued for B2H.⁷ In addition, the Oregon Department of Energy ("DOE")'s Energy Facility Siting Council ("EFSC") issued a site certificate for construction across five counties in eastern Oregon, which was affirmed by the Oregon Supreme Court in March 2023.

Integrated Resource Plan. On May 23, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 18-176 in Docket LC 68 that specifically acknowledged Idaho Power's 2017 Integrated Resource Plan's ("IRP") action items to conduct ongoing permitting, planning studies, and regulatory filings for the B2H transmission line, as well as to conduct preliminary construction activities, acquire long-lead materials, and construct the B2H project. Each subsequent IRP Idaho Power has filed again identified B2H as part of the Company's preferred portfolio, with near-term action items, including B2H permitting and construction activities.

Petition for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. On September 30, 2022, Idaho Power filed a Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") authorizing construction of B2H. The Petition was filed in compliance with the newly adopted CPCN rules approved in Docket AR 626, which require utilities to petition the Commission for a CPCN if

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⁷ The BLM issued its ROD in November 2017, for the project to cross approximately 86 miles of BLM-administered land, the U.S. Forest Service issued its ROD in November 2018 authorizing the project to cross approximately seven miles of National Forest lands, and in September 2019, the Department of the Navy issued its ROD authorizing the project to cross approximately seven miles of Department of the Navy lands.

condemnation of land or an interest therein may be necessary for construction of the transmission line. The Commission granted a CPCN on June 29, 2023.

2nd Quarter 2025 Project Developments

Idaho Power began construction of the project in Malheur County in June 2025. The anticipated in-service date will be no earlier than late 2027. Total cost estimates for the project are between \$1.5 billion and \$1.7 billion. B2H continues to remain a least-cost resource in the IRP.

Federal Permitting. The Construction Plan of Development, comprised of approximately 32 submittals, was approved in December 2023. A conditioned notice to proceed (“NTP”) was issued by the BLM on November 12, 2024. The NTP allows for ground disturbing activities once the conditions are met. The remaining conditions include staking for pre-construction field inspection and installation of all signage and fencing on federal land. This work is being completed by Quanta Infrastructure Solutions Group (“QISG”) on an ongoing basis just ahead of construction. To date, BLM has released 64 structures on federal land for ground-disturbing activities.

Section 106. Cultural compliance is a condition governed by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Seven key cultural reports have recently been deemed complete by the BLM. Idaho Power anticipates having nearly all cultural clearances completed by March 2026 or sooner. The BLM indicated that Section 106 work has been completed for the Malheur, Vale, La Grande, Morrow and Pilot Rock receiving yards.

A Clean Water Act § 404 permit is required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) for construction in areas under USACE jurisdiction. A permit was issued for Idaho in October 2023 and Oregon in March 2024. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality water quality certificate was issued in March 2024. The Bureau of Reclamation Use Authorization was issued on December 10, 2024.

Oregon Permitting. Idaho Power has received approval of two amendment requests to the site certificate, RFA1 and RFA2. On July 29, 2025, the facility was inspected by the ODOE. Initial reports indicate the facility is in compliance with all conditions. On July 30, 2025, ODOE concurred that the majority of pre-construction conditions have been satisfied for the project, releasing all structures for construction in Oregon, pending localized compliance tasks.

Construction Activities. In June 2025, Idaho Power executed the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment with Quanta Infrastructure Solutions Group (“QISG”), authorizing transmission line construction. All major material is under contract including steel lattice towers (KEC), conductor (APAR), conductor hardware (PLP), miscellaneous hardware (Irby), glass insulators (Sediver), optical ground wire (SFPOC) and tubular steel (Meyer). Material delivery is in progress with receiving yards being managed by QISG. 88 percent of steel lattice and 48 percent of conductor have been delivered to project receiving yards. Tariff impacts are being monitored.

Right-of-Way. Idaho Power has fully executed easement agreements or has been granted advance occupancy by the courts for over 90 percent of the landowners along the B2H line. Currently, there are 38 condemnation cases in progress, with Idaho Power having secured advance occupancy in 37 of those via court orders or agreements with defendants. Outside of condemnation, negotiations continue to secure easement interests with the 12 remaining landowners.

2025 IRP. On June 27, 2025, Idaho Power filed its 2025 IRP with the Commission (Docket LC 87), which included B2H as a top performing resource alternative and resulting position in the preferred portfolio beginning in December 2027.

Petition for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. In June 2025, two parties filed complaints with the OPUC seeking reconsideration of the CPCN granted. The Commission's case to address these complaints is in its initial stages and remains pending.

Federal Funding Opportunities. All Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funded programs were put on a funding pause for review in accordance with an Executive Order of U.S. President Donald J. Trump issued on January 20, 2025. Although the programs are under review, the Company will continue to monitor and evaluate federal funding opportunities for transmission projects in an effort to reduce costs to customers.