

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 26, 2016

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ Upon Commission Approval

DATE: January 19, 2016

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Brittany Andrus *BA*

THROUGH: *I* Jason Eisdorfer and *I for AA* Aster Adams

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER COMPANY: (Docket No. UM 1610) Compliance Filing to Update Schedule 85, Cogeneration and Small Power Production Standard Contract Rates, and Revise Standard Energy Sales Agreements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving Idaho Power Company's (Idaho Power) filing to Update Schedule 85, Cogeneration and Small Power Production Standard Contract Rates, and revise Standard Energy Sales Agreements filed on December 22, 2015, in compliance with Order No. 15-130, effective February 1, 2016.

ISSUE

The question presented is whether Idaho Power's filing complies with the Commission's previous order implementing certain changes to the Commission's PURPA policies. Staff concludes that it does.

APPLICABLE RULES, LAWS, AND ORDERS

The Commission requires Idaho Power to offer contracts with standard terms and rates ("standard contracts" or standard power purchase agreements (PPA)) to Qualifying Facilities (QF) that are 10 MW and less.¹ The Commission reviews utilities' forms of

¹ Order No. 14-058 at 7; Order No. 15-199 at 7 reduces the eligibility cap for Idaho Power's standard contracts to 3 MW for solar QF projects.

standard contracts to determine whether the terms comply with PURPA and state requirements.²

ANALYSIS

On April 16, 2015, the Commission issued Order No. 15-130 adopting a stipulation filed in its Investigation into QF Contracting and Pricing (Docket UM 1610). This Order requires several changes to the terms of standard PPAs that are available to QFs, and directs PGE, PacifiCorp, and Idaho Power to make filings to implement the stipulation.

Idaho Power filed revised PPAs and a revised Schedule 85 in accordance with the Order on December 22, 2015. Staff reviewed each update in Schedule 85 and the four standard PPAs and verified that they meet the requirements contained in Order No. 15-130.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Idaho Power's Compliance Filing to Update Schedule 85, Cogeneration and Small Power Production Standard Contract Rates, and Revise Standard Energy Sales Agreements, filed on December 22, 2015, in compliance with Order No. 15-130, be allowed to go into effect on February 1, 2016.

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² See e.g., Order No. 07-197 (reviewing Idaho Power's standard contract to determine whether it complies with Commission orders implementing PURPA.)