

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

PCN 5

In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

Petition for Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED IN PART; PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
MODIFIED**

On March 6, 2023, nine intervenors<sup>1</sup> jointly filed a motion to extend the deadline for cross-answering and rebuttal testimony and amend the remaining procedural schedule in this matter. On March 7, 2023, Idaho Power Company filed a response opposing the extension.

The intervenors request an extension to the deadline for cross-answering and rebuttal testimony from March 13, 2023, to March 27, 2023. The intervenors assert that they need more time to review and respond to the volume of information included in the company's reply testimony and dispute that a delay would harm the company or its customers. The intervenors also seek to revisit the remainder of the procedural schedule.

Idaho Power opposes the extension as well as any delay to the proceedings. The company argues the existing procedural schedule was specifically intended to allow for the issuance of a final order facilitates the completion of the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line in time to address the resource deficit identified in the company's 2021 Integrated Resource Plan. Idaho Power contends that the existing schedule provides all parties with adequate opportunities to be heard. Finally, Idaho Power argues that STOP B2H Coalition has publicly stated an intent in this proceeding is to delay the construction as much as possible, and any request for extension should be considered in light of that position.

I have reviewed the parties' filings and find good cause to provide a limited extension of the deadline to file cross-answering and rebuttal testimony within the overall constraints of the existing schedule. Specifically, as set forth below, the deadline to file cross-answering and rebuttal testimony is extended by one week. The deadlines for Idaho Power's surrebuttal testimony and the deadline for all parties to file witness lists, cross-

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<sup>1</sup> The nine intervenors who filed the motion are Sam Myers, Wendy King, Susan Geer, Marie Lyons, Jim and Kaye Foss, Greg Larkin, Tim and Miranda Proesch, John Williams, and Jim Kreider for the Stop B2H Coalition. Two interested persons who are not parties, Irene Gilbert and JoAnn Harris Rode, also signed the motion.

exam statements, and exhibits are also extended. The dates for the evidentiary hearing and subsequent milestones remain unchanged.

Additionally, on March 1, 2023, Idaho Power filed a letter requesting to confirm the format of the evidentiary hearing. The evidentiary hearing in this proceeding will be conducted in a remote format via Zoom.

The procedural schedule is amended as follows:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Staff and Intervenors' Cross-Answering and Rebuttal Testimony	<b>March 20, 2023, 3:00 p.m.</b>
Idaho Power Surrebuttal Testimony	<b>April 5, 2023, 3:00 p.m.</b>
Witness List, Cross-Exam Statements, and Exhibits	<b>April 12, 2023, 3:00 p.m.</b>
Evidentiary Hearing – <b>Remote</b>	April 19-20, 2023, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
All Party Opening Briefs	May 11, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
All Party Reply Briefs	May 25, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Target Date for Commission Decision	June 30, 2023

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023 at Salem, Oregon.



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John Mellgren  
Administrative Law Judge