

December 07, 2023

Ms. Kellen Tardaewether Oregon Department of Energy 550 Capitol Street NE, 1st Floor Salem, OR 97301

## Re: Preliminary Request for Amendment 2 for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project

Dear Ms. Tardaewether,

On June 30, 2023, Idaho Power Company (Certificate Holder), a wholly owned subsidiary of IDACORP, Inc. submitted a Preliminary Request for Amendment 2 (pRFA2) to the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project (Project) Site Certificate. Since the submittal, IPC has been responding to the Oregon Department of Energy's (ODOE) requests for additional information (RAIs). In addition to responding to Department RAIs, IPC has identified several additional changes that will be incorporated into the next submittal of the pRFA2. This letter provides a summary of those changes.

IPC is including the following changes, in addition to responding to RAIs, in the next submittal of the pRFA2:

- Change certain site certificate conditions (PRE-FW-04, PRE-FW-03, OPR-FW-03, and OPR-FW-04) to remove the sage-grouse traffic study that requires a pre- and postconstruction study be performed to determine traffic volume changes. IPC, through coordination with ODFW, is proposing only a post-construction study to evaluate the effectiveness of access control devices.
- Change site certificate condition CON-TE-02 regarding state-listed threatened or endangered plants. IPC is adding language to the condition to allow for more flexibility for implementing mitigation that is commensurate with impacts to listed plant species. The mitigation plan is being developed in coordination with Oregon Department of Agriculture.
- The Road Classification Guide and Access Control plan proposes to modify access road construction disturbance widths. Continued design and constructability review has provided a more accurate representation of the actual area of road disturbance based on slope. In lower slope areas, the construction width would be equal or less than described in the ASC. In higher slope areas, the construction width would be greater than described in the ASC. The operational widths remain the same.
- Remove inventory of stream crossings associated with pRFA2 that are currently under review between IPC and ODFW pursuant to ODFW's fish passage requirements. IPC is submitting the inventory of stream crossings directly to ODFW.
- IPC proposes to expand the Project's site boundary. The site boundary proposed is ¼ mile each side (½ -mile total width) of the transmission line and access roads centerline. IPC will not request to expand the site boundary in some areas where IPC deems it



unnecessary. Moving forward, IPC will refer to the narrower site boundary previously approved in the ASC and RFA1 as a micrositing area.

Thank you for your time and continued work on B2H and RFA2. If you have questions regarding this submittal, please feel free to contact Joe Stippel [(208)-388-2675] or Zach Funkhouser [(208) 388-5375] at any time.

Sincerely,

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