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Subject: Request for Chair Action
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Council Secretary Cornett,

I am writing to request that Chair Beyeler take emergency action to extend the timeframe by 45 days for Idaho Power to respond to comments received on the Boardman to Hemingway draft proposed order, subject to Council ratification at the September 26-27, 2019 Council meeting. Please see the attached letter for further details.

Thank you.

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September 13, 2019

Barry Beyeler
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Subject: Request for Chair Action on Behalf of the Council to Extend Response Deadline
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project

Dear Chair Beyeler:

Idaho Power hereby requests that you take emergency action to extend the timeframe by 45 days for Idaho Power to respond to comments received on the Boardman to Hemingway draft proposed order, subject to Council ratification at the September 26-27, 2019 Council meeting.

At the June 26, 2019 meeting, the Council granted Idaho Power's request for 30 days to prepare responses. That request was made prior to the close of the record for public comments, however, at a time when the substance and volume of the comments, and the effort needed by Idaho Power to respond to those comments, was uncertain. Ultimately, over 500 public comments were received, many of which were submitted at or near the end of the public comment period. Given the volume and complexity of comments, this request for an extension to adequately review and respond to the comments is reasonable. Further, granting this request is within the Council's authority pursuant to ORS 469.470(6), because it will help ensure the Council receives relevant information allowing the Council to more effectively carry out its duties under ORS 469.503(1) to determine whether the facility complies with applicable Council standards.

Idaho Power is requesting emergency action, because the response timeframe is set to expire on September 23, 2019, prior to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting and because of the logistical constraints of attempting to call the Council for a special meeting. Accordingly, Idaho Power requests that you take emergency action to extend the deadline by 45 days, making responses due November 7, 2019, and that the Council consider ratification of that decision at the September 26-27, 2019 Council meeting.

Sincerely,



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