



Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Report to Joint Finance-Appropriations
Committee
February 7, 2022

The Commission

- The Commission was established by the 12th Session of the Idaho Legislature in 1913. Statutory authorities in Idaho Code titles 61 and 62.
- Governor appoints and Senate confirms commissioners for six-year terms.

Eric Anderson (President)

John Chatburn

John Hammond

- 49 authorized FTP plus five deputy attorneys general.

Commission's Role

Regulatory Compact – In return for the utility's obligation to serve customers and be subject to regulatory oversight, the company is entitled to recover its prudently incurred expenses and an opportunity to earn a rate of return on its prudently incurred investment.

The PUC's role:

- Assurance of adequate earnings
- Assurance of safe and reliable service
- Establishment of reasonable rates

Who We Regulate

Investor-owned electric, gas and water utilities.

- Natural gas pipeline and rail safety.
- Small rural telephone companies.
- Large telephone companies, but only customer service issues, not pricing.

2021 Commission Activities

- ▶ Cases opened during CY 2021: 176
- ▶ Cases closed during CY 2021: 186
- ▶ Orders issued during CY 2021: 399
- ▶ Open cases as of Jan. 1, 2022: 39

Commission Budget

- Dedicated fund agency with some federal grants.
- Operations funded by annual assessment not more than:
 - 0.3% percent on utility intrastate revenues;
 - 1% on railroad intrastate revenues (*Idaho Code 61-1004*).
- FY 2021 assessments:
 - Utility 0.1953%
 - Railroad 0.6413%.

Commission Budget

- FY 2022 Total Appropriation: \$6,709,600
- Estimated FY 2022 expenditures: \$5,990,900
- FY 2023 Governor's Recommendation:
\$6,880,700

Commission Budget

- FY 2023 Governor's Recommendation includes:
 1. Maintenance Items – personnel cost increases, and a reduction in the statewide allocation costs (Attorney General, Risk Management, State Controller and Treasurer).

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Questions ?