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Oregon PUC invites public to comment on Idaho Power proposed sale to OTEC

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) is seeking public comment on Idaho Power’s proposed sale of its Oregon distribution system to Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative (OTEC). The PUC will review the proposed sale to determine whether it serves customers’ interests, maintains reliable service, and meets all regulatory requirements.

Idaho Power and OTEC have filed an agreement with the PUC that would transfer Idaho Power’s Oregon service territory and distribution system to OTEC. If approved, Idaho Power’s 20,000 residential, irrigation, commercial, and industrial customers in Malheur, Harney, Baker, and Wallowa counties would become OTEC member-owners. OTEC currently serves Baker, Union, Grant, and Harney counties.

This proposed sale has a base purchase price of \$154 million and is expected to close in early 2027. As part of the agreement, OTEC would purchase wholesale energy from Idaho Power through a multi-year power supply arrangement to serve customers in the affected Oregon counties.

Following the sale, Idaho Power would no longer serve Oregon electric customers directly but would continue to own and operate generation and transmission facilities in Oregon, including the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) transmission line.

To support public participation, the PUC is offering several ways for community members to learn about the proposal and share their comments directly to Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) overseeing this case.

Ways to Comment

Members of the public may provide comments by attending an in-person or virtual meeting or by submitting comments through online form, email, phone, or mail.

Comment via Zoom or phone

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6 p.m. Mountain Time (5 p.m. Pacific Time) [via Zoom or by phone.](#)

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This virtual meeting will include an overview of the proposed sale and an opportunity for participants to provide comments. To participate, members of the public must have joined the virtual meeting by 6:30 p.m. MT.

Join the meeting: <https://bit.ly/UM2447-PCH>

Comment in person – Ontario, Oregon

Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6 p.m. Mountain Time (5 p.m. Pacific Time)

Commissioners and an ALJ will hold an in-person only hearing in Ontario. To comment, please be at the hearing by 6:30 p.m. MT.

Location: Ontario City Hall, Council Chambers, 444 SW 4th Street, Ontario, OR 97914

Other ways to comment

Comments may also be submitted through any of the following methods:

- Online Public Comment Form: <https://bit.ly/UM2447-Comment-Form>
- Email: PUC.PublicComments@puc.oregon.gov
- Phone: 503-378-6600 or 800-522-2404 (all relay calls accepted)
- Mail:
Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attn: AHD – UM 2447
PO Box 1088
Salem OR 97308-1088

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Individuals may request to be added to the distribution list to receive publicly available documents throughout this case. To be added, email puc.hearings@puc.oregon.gov or call 503-378-6678. Please reference Docket No. UM 2447 in your request.

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