

November 19, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
U.S. House Natural Resources Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman:

On behalf of Idaho Power Company, I wish to thank you for your leadership in sponsoring H.R. 4776, The SPEED Act. We serve retail customers in Idaho and Oregon and own generation resources in Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, and Wyoming. As a result, we are keenly aware of the permitting challenges associated with federal lands.

One of our company's transmission projects, the Boardman to Hemingway 500kV line, a roughly 250 mile stretch through Idaho and Oregon saw limited construction begin earlier this year following 18 years of permitting. If it were a person it would be old enough to vote. Current permitting (which is ongoing) and construction schedules suggest that it will be 21 years old when finally constructed – old enough to drink. And, while we look forward to toasting its completion at that time, a more than two-decade process doesn't feel like a source of pride.

Our company is hopeful for passage of your legislation as it will provide much needed common-sense improvements to planning, siting, and construction processes. At a time when our national energy needs are multiplying exponentially, the ability to speed investments in critical infrastructure is essential to meet growing demand.

Again, thank you for your leadership.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff L. Malm", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeff L. Malm
Senior Vice President, Public Affairs
IDACORP, Inc. and Idaho Power Company