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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Utah Public Service Commission

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From: Division of Public Utilities

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Subject: Status Report on Four PacifiCorp Resource Acquisition Dockets

Date: April 18, 2008

In addition to its Request for Proposal (RFP) 2012 and its proposed RFP for 2012-2016 resources, PacifiCorp (Company) recently filed two additional resource acquisition applications with the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission). On April 1, the Company filed a Request for Waiver of Solicitation Process and for Approval of Significant Energy Resource Decision in Docket No. 08-035-35. On April 10, the Company filed a notice of intent that it will be issuing an RFP for renewable resources in Docket No. 08-035-40. This memo provides a brief status report on the four dockets and identifies key dates over the next month. The Division intends to file a similar memo each month with the Commission.

### **RFP 2012**

This RFP began as RFP 2009 in Docket 05-035-47. The Company proposed and then withdrew its Amendment to the RFP in late 2007. A number of delays occurred for a variety of reasons and are documented in Division memos and Independent Evaluator (IE) reports to the Company and to the Commission. The Division strongly recommended a careful assessment of the many lessons learned from the RFP 2012 and believes these RFP 2012 lessons learned will contribute to successful future resource acquisition. The RFP 2012 has completed evaluation and final short-list stages, and negotiations are currently underway to bring new resources on-line. A confidential briefing to the Commission on the status of the RFP 2012 evaluation stage was provided by the Company on February 14.

#### RFP 2012-2016

The RFP 2012-2016 was filed in response to the withdrawal of the Amendment to the RFP 2012 and has attempted to incorporate lessons learned from the RFP 2012. A draft was submitted to the Commission on February 15. The Company conducted a stakeholder and bidder workshop March 12 on the RFP 2012-2016. In response to comments due March 21, the Company made a number of changes and filed a final version of the RFP on March 28. IE comments were submitted April 11, with final reply comments due April 25. A hearing is scheduled for May 1.

#### Waiver Request

On April 1 the Company filed an application for a waiver request of the solicitation process and for approval of a significant energy resource decision. A required technical conference was held April 9 in which several confidential documents were requested. The Company provided these documents on April 14. Comments on the waiver are due April 23. The Division is pursuing a sole source contract to hire a consultant for the approval stage of the application.

#### **Renewable RFP**

On April 10 the Company informed the Commission that it would be issuing an RFP for new renewable resources in the second quarter of 2008. The renewable RFP will request up to 300 MW of system-wide resources with commercial operation no later than the end of 2011.

	Docket No.	Recent Milestones Completed/Dates to Watch
RFP 2012	05-035-47	Evaluation Completed
		Final Short-List Established
		Ongoing negotiations
RFP 2012-2016	07-035-94	Comments submitted March 21
		Final version filed March 28
		IE comments submitted April 11
		Reply comments due April 25
		Hearing May 1
Waiver Request	08-035-35	Required Technical Conference held April 9
		Company provided requested information April 14
		Comments due April 23
		Testimony or comments due June 18
Renewable RFP	08-035-40	To be scheduled

The following table identifies recent milestones completed and highlights key dates to watch.

The Division intends to provide a similar status report to the Commission each month. Finally, the Division is aware of the challenge of bringing much-needed resources on-line over the next decade and will make a good-faith effort in complying with any approved expedited schedule.

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