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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-12-2, PacifiCorp, doing business in Utah as Rocky Mountain Power ("Rocky Mountain Power" or "Company") hereby applies for an order approving the Power Purchase Agreement ("Agreement") between PacifiCorp and Blue Mountain Wind 1, LLC ("Blue Mountain Wind") dated November 8, 2011. In support of its Application, Rocky Mountain Power states as follows:

1. Rocky Mountain Power is a public utility in the state of Utah and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission of Utah with regard to its rates and service. Rocky Mountain Power also provides retail electric service in the states of Idaho and Wyoming. As a "purchasing utility," as that term is used in Utah Code Ann. §54-12-2, PacifiCorp is obligated to purchase power from qualifying facilities pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, Utah Code Ann. §54-12-1, *et seq.*, and the Commission's orders. Under the Agreement, Blue Mountain Wind represents itself to

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be a qualifying facility, and agrees to provide PacifiCorp, upon request, with evidence to show its qualifying facility status.

2. Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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3. In Docket No. 03-035-14, In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for Approval of an IRP-Based Avoided Cost Methodology for QF Projects larger than One Megawatt, the Commission issued a series of orders, which established avoided capacity and energy cost payments for purchases from QF projects larger than one

megawatt, such as Blue Mountain Wind's, under contracts with PacifiCorp with terms up to 20 years.

- 4. The Agreement provides for the sale to PacifiCorp of energy to be generated by Blue Mountain Wind up to 79.5 MW, from a proposed wind facility to be constructed by Blue Mountain Wind and located near Monticello, Utah (the "Facility"). A copy of the Agreement is attached to this Application as Exhibit A. The Agreement is for a term of 20 years: December 31, 2012 through December 30, 2032.
- 5. The purchase prices set forth in the Agreement were calculated using the methodology approved in Docket No. 03-035-14.
- 6. The Facility is located near Monticello, UT in an area served by Rocky Mountain Power. Blue Mountain Wind is in the process of completing interconnection requirements.
- 7. The Agreement constitutes a "New QF Contract" under the PacifiCorp Interjurisdictional Cost Allocation Protocol ("Protocol"), previously filed with the Commission pursuant to a stipulation in Docket No. 02-035-04. According to the terms of the Protocol, the costs of the QF provisions would be allocated as a system resource, unless any portion of those costs exceed the cost PacifiCorp would have otherwise incurred acquiring comparable resources.

WHEREFORE, Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Agreement and find the terms and conditions of the Agreement to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel E. Solander Attorney for Rocky Mountain Power

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011, I caused to be served via electronic mail, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application of Rocky Mountain Power to the following:

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