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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission
From: Division of Public Utilities
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Subject: Correspondence from Rocky Mountain Power in the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp, by and through its Rocky Mountain Power Division, for Approval of a Solicitation Process for an All-Source Resource for the 2016 Time Period. Docket No. 11-035-73.

Date: October 1, 2012

RECOMMENDATION (Approve)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Commission approve Rocky Mountain Power's request for a minor change in the All-Source Resource for the 2016 Time Period (RFP) process schedule due to problems caused by upgrades to its modeling tools.

ISSUE and DISCUSSION

In a letter dated September 10, 2012, Rocky Mountain Power notified the Commission of a partial slip in the RFP schedule due to problems with the update of its modeling software. The Division interprets this letter to be a request for approval of a change in the RFP schedule. These problems were expected to result in the Step 2 evaluation of the initial short list bidders to be

delayed by approximately 11 days.¹ The Commission issued an Action Request with a due date of “ASAP” on this matter. The Company had informed and discussed this problem with the Division and the Independent Evaluators during a conference call on September 6, 2012. Following this conference call the Division was under the impression that this delay would have no significant effect on the timeline of the over-all process. However, the Division followed up with a data request to the Company which confirmed that no further impact was expected from this particular problem (see Attachment).

Based on the foregoing, the Division recommends that the Commission approve the request for a change in the RFP schedule.

Attachment.

cc:

Dave Taylor, Rocky Mountain Power

Michele Beck, Office of Consumer Services

¹ The Company provided preliminary results of the Step 2 analysis to the Independent Evaluators and the Division on September 20, 2012.