

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address with Rocky Mountain Power**  
2 **(“the Company”), a division of PacifiCorp.**

3 A. My name is Steven R. McDougal, and my business address is 201 South Main,  
4 Suite 2300, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111.

5 **Qualifications**

6 **Q. What is your current position at the Company, and what is your employment**  
7 **history?**

8 A. I am currently employed as the director of revenue requirements for the  
9 Company. I have been employed by Rocky Mountain Power or its predecessor  
10 companies since 1983. My experience at Rocky Mountain Power includes various  
11 positions within regulation, finance, resource planning, and internal audit.

12 **Q. What are your responsibilities as director of revenue requirements?**

13 A. My primary responsibilities include overseeing the calculation and reporting of  
14 the Company’s regulated earnings or revenue requirement, assuring that the inter-  
15 jurisdictional cost allocation methodology is correctly applied, and explaining  
16 those calculations to regulators in the jurisdictions in which the Company  
17 operates.

18 **Q. What is your education background?**

19 A. I received a Master of Accountancy from Brigham Young University with an  
20 emphasis in Management Advisory Services in 1983 and a Bachelor of Science  
21 degree in Accounting from Brigham Young University in 1982. In addition to my  
22 formal education, I have also attended various educational, professional, and  
23 electric industry-related seminars.

24 **Q. Have you testified in previous proceedings?**

25 A. Yes. I have provided testimony before the Utah Public Service Commission, the  
26 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the California Public  
27 Utilities Commission, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Oregon Public  
28 Utility Commission, the Wyoming Public Service Commission, and the Utah  
29 State Tax Commission.

30 **Purpose of Testimony**

31 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

32 A. The purpose of my testimony is to address issues raised in the Commission's  
33 January 20, 2012, Prehearing Order in the Company's tariff compliance filing  
34 Docket No. 11-035-T10, filed in compliance with the Commission's September  
35 13, 2011 order approving the Settlement Stipulation in Docket Nos. 10-035-124,  
36 09-035-15, 10-035-14, 11-035-46, and 11-035-47 ("the September Order").  
37 Specifically I discuss whether the proposed tariff adequately details the types of  
38 costs that will be recorded in the Energy Balancing Account ("EBA"), consistent  
39 with the Commission's corrected report and order issued on March 3, 2011 in  
40 Docket No. 09-035-15 ("the EBA Order") and the September Order, and whether  
41 the proposed tariff's treatment of carrying charges is consistent with the carrying  
42 charge provisions of the EBA Order.

43 **Q. Does the Company's proposed tariff adequately detail the types of costs that**  
44 **will be recorded in the EBA?**

45 A. Yes. The proposed tariff lists the FERC accounts included in the EBA. The EBA  
46 is designed to capture the Company's net power costs ("NPC"), consistent with

47 the costs included in the Company's general rate cases and used to establish the  
48 base EBA, plus wheeling revenues as outlined in the EBA order. The proposed  
49 tariff defines those costs and the FERC accounts in which the amounts are  
50 recorded on the Company's books. In addition, the tariff identifies specific items  
51 booked to those same FERC accounts for accounting purposes that will not be  
52 included in the calculation of the EBA.

53 **Q. Is the Company's proposed tariff consistent with the carrying charge**  
54 **provisions of the EBA order?**

55 A. Yes. The Company's proposed tariff filed on December 12, 2011, includes the  
56 following definition of the EBA carrying charge on page 94.5:

57 **EBA CARRYING CHARGE:** the EBA Carrying Charge will be  
58 calculated and applied to the monthly balance in the EBA Deferral  
59 Account as follows:

60 
$$EBA\ Carrying\ Charge\ month = [Ending\ Balance\ previous\ month + (Deferral\ current\ month \times$$
  
61 
$$0.5) - (EBA\ Revenue\ current\ month \times 0.5)] \times 0.5\%$$

62 The formula above corrects a minor typo in the original filing, which incorrectly  
63 had .05 percent for the interest rate. This formula is consistent with the  
64 Commission's formula included on page 76 of the EBA Order. The only two  
65 differences are that: 1) the Company has elected to state the monthly interest as  
66 0.5 percent instead of the equivalent 0.005 amount included in the EBA order;  
67 and 2) the Company has broken the term deferral into "deferral" and "EBA  
68 revenue" to show that the deferral in any month is the net amount of any new  
69 deferrals offset by EBA collections.

70 **Q. Is there a possible overlap between the EBA carrying charge and cash**  
71 **working capital as calculated in the lead lag study?**

72 A. No. The EBA accounts for the difference between actual net power costs and the  
73 level of net power costs included in base rates, and the carrying charge  
74 compensates the Company or customers for the timing difference in the collection  
75 of the difference between actual EBA costs and the amount included in rates.

76 The lead-lag study, on the other hand, addresses the net difference  
77 between the time the Company takes to pay its bills and the time it takes to collect  
78 money from customers. The lag in payment for services received by the Company  
79 benefits customers and that benefit is recognized through the net lag days  
80 computed in a lead-lag study and applied to operating expenses in a rate case. The  
81 EBA carrying charge, as opposed to the lead-lag study which is applied to  
82 operating expenses in the rate case, is only applied to the differential between  
83 base rates and actual costs, after application of the sharing bands.

84 **Q. Will the lead-lag study need to be modified because of the EBA carrying**  
85 **charge?**

86 A. No. The Company does not and will not include the EBA balance in calculating  
87 the lead-lag study. The lead lag study in the current case was computed before the  
88 establishment of the Utah EBA. However, even if the EBA had been in existence  
89 during the historic period used for the lead-lag study there would be no need for  
90 an adjustment. The EBA carrying charge ends as customers are billed each month.  
91 The lead lag study associated with customers accounts receivable starts when  
92 customers are billed. There is no overlap or double count.

93 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

94 A. Yes.