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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of Changes to Renewable Avoided Cost Methodology for Qualifying facilities Projects Larger than Three Megawatts

## PETITION TO INTERVENE

Docket No. 12-035-100

In accordance with Rule 746-100-7 of the Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Provisions of Utah Code Ann. § 63-46b-9, Kennecott Utah Copper, LLC ("Kennecott") and Tesoro Corporation ("Tesoro") (jointly "Parties") request leave to intervene in the above-captioned matter.

In support of this Petition to Intervene, Parties state as follows:

- 1. On October 9, 2012, PacifiCorp, doing business in Utah as Rocky Mountain Power ("RMP"), requested that the Commission approve certain changes to the currently effective avoided cost pricing for large renewable qualifying facilities ("QF").
- 2. On November 13, 2013, the Commission issued a scheduling order requiring that interested parties filed their petitions to intervene no later than March 29, 2013.

- 3. Kennecott currently has two QF contracts with PacifiCorp. One contract is for PacifiCorp's purchase of energy from a cogeneration facility at Kennecott's smelter and the other is for PacifiCorp's purchase of energy from a cogeneration MW facility at Kennecott's refinery. Both contracts run for the period of January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. Kennecott anticipates entering new QF contracts with PacifiCorp for these facilities after the expiration of these contracts.
- 4. Tesoro currently has one QF contract with PacifiCorp for the purchase of energy from a cogeneration facility. This contract runs for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Tesoro anticipates that it will enter a new QF contract with PacifiCorp for this facility after the expiration of this contract.
- 5. In this proceeding RMP proposes that renewable energy credits should be transferred to RMP when it purchases energy from a QF. This represents a change in RMP's current QF avoided cost pricing policy.
- 6. RMP also proposes to use the next deferrable thermal resource as the proxy in the Proxy/PDDRR method as it is applied to renewable resources. The proposed pricing method represents a change from the method used to calculate the price RMP is currently paying under the Parties' QF contracts.
- 7. The Parties' interests will be affected by the Commission's decision in this matter. They have a direct, immediate, and substantial interest in this proceeding, and their interests will not be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding.
- 8. If the Parties are granted leave to intervene in this proceeding, they hereby request that service of all pleadings, notices, etc. be made to the following:

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- 9. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be impaired by the grant of the Parties' Petition to Intervene.
  - 10. The Parties have not yet determined the level of their participation.
- 11. The Parties request that the Commission grant their intervention as their interests may appear.

WHEREFORE, Kennecott and Tesoro request that the Commission enter an Order granting them permission to intervene in this docket and to participate to the full extent allowed by the law.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2013.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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