

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's)
Intent to File a General Rate Case on or) DOCKET NO. 13-035-184
about January 3, 2014)
) NOTICE OF PROPOSED
) FORECAST TEST PERIOD
)

ISSUED: November 20, 2013

By The Commission:

This matter is before the Commission on the request of PacifiCorp, doing business in Utah as Rocky Mountain Power (“Company”), for approval of a forecast test period consisting of the twelve months ending June 30, 2015, about sixteen months after the anticipated rate case filing date of January 3, 2014. The request is contained in a letter dated November 5, 2013, and is made pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-700-10(B)(1), our rule governing test period information. This rule provides that an applicant planning to file a general rate case may first request Commission approval of a test period to be used in preparing its application. The rule also provides that such a request shall be accompanied by testimony and exhibits providing information supporting the proposed test period. Commission approval of the request frees the applicant from the requirement of Utah Admin. Code R746-700-10(A)(2) to file a prescribed alternative test period demonstration.

The Company offers support for its request by asserting the proposed test period is consistent with the test period agreement in the settlement stipulation dated August 7, 2012, and subsequently approved by Commission order in Docket Nos. 11-035-200, 12-035-79, and 12-035-80. The Company asserts nine parties to its last general rate case signed the stipulation which states, in part:

The Parties agree that in the Company's 2014 GRC application, the Company will use, and the Parties will not oppose, use of a forecast test period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, with a 13-month average rate base, if the Company files its application prior to March 1, 2014. If the Company files its application on or after March 1, 2014, the Company will use, and the Parties will not oppose, use of a forecast test period ending no later than 16 months from the month in which the application is filed, with a 13-month average rate base.
(Settlement Stipulation, p. 9, ¶ 41)

Because of this agreement, the Company does not expect objections to its requested forecast test period. We note eight rather than nine parties actually signed this stipulation.

On November 19, 2013, the Utah Division of Public Utilities ("Division") filed its response to the Commission's November 5, 2013, action request in this matter. The Division notes the Company's request in this matter is similar to its request for approval of a forecast test period in Docket No. 11-035-200 and recommends the Commission follow the same procedure for the Company's request in this matter. Namely, the Division recommends the Commission request comments from interested parties regarding the Company's request.

This notice affords all potential participants in this docket the opportunity to respond to the Company's proposed forecast test period. Any such response should be filed not later than December 5, 2013, and should outline the arguments, testimony and exhibits that would be offered. If opposition is expressed, we will establish a schedule for the filing of testimony and exhibits by the Company and all others supporting or opposing the Company's request. In the absence of any opposition, we will issue an order shortly after December 5, 2013, addressing the Company's request.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 20th day of November, 2013.

/s/ Ron Allen, Chairman

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Thad LeVar, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary
DW#248946

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on the 20th day of November, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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