

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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| In the Matter of the Investigation of |) | Docket No. 14-035-114 |
| the Costs and Benefits of PacifiCorp's |) | Surrebuttal Testimony of |
| Net Metering Program |) | Philip Hayet |
| |) | On Behalf of the |
| |) | Utah Office of |
| |) | Consumer Services |

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I. INTRODUCTION

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Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, TITLE AND COMPANY.

A. My name is Philip Hayet and my business address is 570 Colonial Park Drive, Suite 305, Roswell, Georgia, 30075. I am Vice President of J. Kennedy and Associates, Inc. (Kennedy and Associates),

Q. PLEASE STATE ON WHOSE BEHALF YOU ARE TESTIFYING.

A. I am appearing on behalf of the Office of Consumer Services (“Office”).

Q. DID YOU PREVIOUSLY FILE TESTIMONY IN THIS DOCKET?

A. Yes, I filed direct testimony on July 30, 2015, and rebuttal testimony on September 8, 2015 on behalf of the Office.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

A. The purpose of my surrebuttal testimony is to respond to the rebuttal testimonies of PacifiCorp’s (also referred to as “Rocky Mountain Power” or “the Company”) witnesses, Ms. Joelle Steward, Mr. Paul Clements, and Mr. Douglas Marx, the Joint Parties’ witnesses, Mr. Tim Woolf, Ms. Pamela Morgan, and Mr. Ben Norris, the Division of Public Utilities’ (“Division”) witness, Mr. Robert Davis, and Vivint Solar, Inc.’s witness, Mr. Dan Black.

Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY.

A. My surrebuttal testimony reaffirms that the Office believes its proposed framework to determine the costs and benefits of PacifiCorp’s net metering program on the utility, as well as on non-net metering customers, is reasonable. The framework includes identifying the appropriate costs and benefits to use in the analysis, determining the appropriate time period for the analysis, which could vary depending on the study objectives, computing the

25 net benefits by subtracting the costs from the benefits, and calculating a net present value
26 of the net benefit results. In order to be considered in the analysis, costs and benefits would
27 have to be quantifiable and verifiable, which I discussed at greater length in my prior
28 testimonies. If the objective of the analysis is to determine the long-term cost and benefit
29 impacts on the utility and its non-net metering customers, then inputs more typical of a
30 long-term economic resource evaluation should be used in that evaluation. If the objective
31 of the analysis is to determine the short-term cost and benefit impacts, then inputs typically
32 used in a short-term ratemaking analysis should be used in that evaluation. Our
33 recommendation is for the evaluation of the impact to non-net metering customers to be
34 performed over a short-term horizon as it better matches the time horizon upon which rates
35 are set. However, we would not object to the evaluation also being performed over a
36 longer-term horizon, but only for informational purposes not for determining inputs that
37 will be used for setting rates, charges, or credits. I also believe that the Company's and
38 Division's proposals are similar to the Office's, and could be adopted as well, as long as
39 they adhere to the principles that the Office has recommended, with one being that no or
40 little cost shifting to non-net metering customers should occur. I continue to believe that
41 the Joint Parties' framework appears to be somewhat similar to the Office's, though it is
42 clear that the Joint Parties' conclusions are considerably different.

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II. OVERVIEW OF PARTIES' POSITIONS

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47 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE REBUTTAL POSITIONS YOU**
48 **ADDRESS BY WITNESS.**

49 A. Starting with the Company, I address Ms. Steward's discussion concerning the challenge
50 of using production meter data from the Load Research Study. While there may be some
51 issues, I believe the data is reasonable enough for use in the evaluation of costs and benefits.
52 With regards to Mr. Clements, I address some of his comments concerning avoided
53 transmission costs, avoided distribution costs, and avoided transmission and distribution
54 ("T&D") losses as benefits. Mr. Clements also states that he agrees with the Office
55 concerning the inclusion of integration costs and added distribution expenses as costs in
56 the evaluation.

57 I address issues that all three of the witnesses for the Joint Parties discuss. First, I
58 disagree with the notion that lost revenues should not be included in what Mr. Woolf refers
59 to as the "cost impact" analysis, but instead should be considered in a "rate impact"
60 analysis.¹ As Mr. Woolf readily admits, these two analyses are identical, therefore, Mr.
61 Woolf's discussion of lost revenues is misleading and is an attempt on his part to suppress
62 the presentation of results that are readily available from the analysis. Those results are
63 the costs that are shifted to non-net metering customers that I believe should be at the
64 forefront of consideration of costs and benefits. Second, I comment on Mr. Woolf's
65 suggestion that on the basis of his analysis, the rate impacts are modest, though I commend
66 him for recognizing that the Commission could ultimately implement alternative rate

¹ Tim Woolf Rebuttal Testimony, line 49.

67 designs “that might result in better impacts on customers, including non-NEM customers”,²
68 which I believe should be done. Furthermore, I do not agree that the rate impacts would
69 necessarily be modest.

70 Next, I understand that it is conceivable that fixed costs could shrink over time, but
71 I do not think that is as likely as Ms. Morgan seems to suggest. I believe my analysis was
72 reasonable to assume that fixed costs would increase at least at the rate of inflation. I also
73 disagree with Mr. Norris’ suggestion that the capacity contribution value of solar should
74 be between 53% and 87%. This is contrary to the determination that the Commission made
75 in Docket No. 14-035-140, in which case it set the capacity contribution value of fixed tilt
76 solar to 34.1% for use in determining Schedule 38 capacity payments. Furthermore, as I
77 discussed in my Direct Testimony, I believe that capacity payments should only be made
78 when PacifiCorp has a justified need for capacity. Also, I address one of Mr. Norris’
79 criticisms of Division witness Davis concerning the capacity value of solar distributed
80 generation, which I think is unwarranted.

81 With regards to Mr. Davis, I address his comment in which he agrees with my
82 method, but believes it should be based on non-hypothetical inputs. I agree that additional
83 analysis will have to be performed to develop actual inputs; however, I would clarify that
84 I do believe that many of the inputs I used are realistic for PacifiCorp’s situation, and the
85 analysis I performed based on those inputs should be relied on by the Commission in
86 reaching conclusions about the framework that should be implemented. Finally, I will
87 respond to Mr. Black’s comment that it was not clear how I accounted for T&D line losses
88 in my analysis.

² Tim Woolf Rebuttal Testimony, line 305.

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III. COMPANY WITNESSES

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92 **Q. WHAT DID MS. STEWARD DISCUSS REGARDING THE CHALLENGES OF**
93 **USING PRODUCTION METER DATA FROM THE LOAD RESEARCH STUDY?**

94 A. Ms. Steward stated that the Company experienced difficulty in installing production meters
95 on customer facilities, which she implies means the data the Company collected will not
96 provide a sufficient sample to develop accurate customer generation profiles. Ms. Steward
97 gave this as one reason that the Company's framework would be better to rely on compared
98 to the Division's or the Office's.

99 **Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MS. STEWARD?**

100 A. While I am not necessarily opposed to using the Company's framework, I do not agree that
101 the Company's production metered data would be problematic for use in the Office's
102 framework. First, in response to UCE 2.2, the Company stated that it was able to install
103 production meter data on 75% of the customers included in the load research study, which
104 is not insignificant. Second, while we did not perform an in depth analysis of the data
105 provided in response to that discovery request, we did conduct some studies, and did not
106 notice anything of concern. Finally, Mr. Clements even seems to hold the data in higher
107 regard as he stated "...the Company has developed a way to obtain reliable solar generation
108 production data for a group of NEM customers through a load research study."

109 **Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. CLEMENTS CONCERN REGARDING AVOIDED**
110 **T&D COSTS?**

111 A. I agree with Mr. Clements that avoided T&D costs should be calculated on a case-by-case
112 basis. I am not opposed to including avoided T&D costs as benefits if it could be
113 demonstrated that transmission or distribution capital investment could be avoided over the
114 study period. While in concept I agree with the Company on developing costs on a case-
115 by-case basis, I believe further details are required as to how Mr. Clements recommends
116 including his suggestions in the Company's analysis. I believe this process should not be
117 overly complex, and should allow other parties to be able to review the Company's
118 assumptions and analysis.

119 Specifically with regard to avoided distribution costs, given the number and
120 configuration of distribution circuits that exist, I still believe it could be quite difficult to
121 demonstrate there are distribution costs that could be avoided. Over time, circumstances
122 could change and avoided costs may become more demonstrable. At such time as benefits
123 become verifiable and quantifiable, they could be incorporated.

124 **Q. MR. CLEMENTS MENTIONED HE WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED TO**
125 **INCLUDING INCREASED DISTRIBUTION COSTS AS AN ADDITIONAL COST**
126 **IN THE ANALYSIS. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND?**

127 A. For reasons similar to those discussed in Mr. Marx's testimony, I continue to believe that
128 distributed generation could also cause distribution costs to increase in some circumstances,
129 and I believe it would be reasonable to include increased distribution costs as an additional cost
130 in the analysis. However, similar to my discussion above concerning avoided distribution
131 costs, I believe that the amount that distribution costs could possibly increase as a result of
132 having distributed generation currently would be immaterial and difficult to demonstrate
133 making it unlikely that these costs would impact current calculations. Once again, at such time
134 as these costs become verifiable and quantifiable, they could be incorporated.

135 **Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. CLEMENTS CONCERNING AVOIDED T&D LINE**
136 **LOSS BENEFITS?**

137 A. Mr. Clements states that lines losses should be included as benefits if they are identifiable and
138 measurable. In my view, avoided T&D line losses are identifiable and measurable and should
139 be included as a benefit associated with distributed generation. Certainly there might be a
140 question of how large the avoided losses should be, but as I discussed in my direct testimony,
141 I think that a fixed loss percentage, similar to what the Company uses in rate case analyses,
142 would be reasonable to use for this purpose.

143 **Q. MR. CLEMENTS MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED TO**
144 **INCLUDING INTEGRATION COSTS IN HIS COST OF SERVICE STUDY. DO**
145 **YOU HAVE A RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING INTEGRATION COSTS?**

146 A. Yes. Mr. Clements mentioned that solar integration costs are included in the avoided cost
147 method, and I believe it would be reasonable to use a value consistent with that approach
148 in the evaluation of net metering costs and benefits. I would also note that Mr. Woolf does
149 not appear to oppose the inclusion of an integration cost, as he included this as a cost in his
150 illustrative analysis in his rebuttal testimony.

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152 **III. JOINT PARTIES' WITNESSES**

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154 **Q. DO YOU AGREE THAT THE JOINT PARTIES HAVE MET THE**
155 **COMMISSION'S DIRECTIVE OF DEVELOPING A FRAMEWORK THAT**
156 **EVALUATES THE IMPACTS OF COSTS AND BENEFITS OF PACIFICORP'S**
157 **NET METERING PROGRAM ON THE UTILITY AND ITS NON-NET**
158 **METERING CUSTOMERS?**

159 A. No I do not. I believe that the Joint Parties have developed a framework that implies that
160 all customers are better off with net metering, and marginalizes the fact that non-net
161 metering customers' costs actually increase as a result of the net metering program. I agree
162 that the Joint Parties have followed a process to evaluate distributed generation using a
163 method that may be found in an Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"). However, there is a
164 difference between studying the benefits of distributed generation and studying the benefits
165 of a rate design, which is what net metering is. I agree with Ms. Steward's direct testimony,
166 which stated, "Rate design is an essential element of net metering since rate design
167 [establishes] price signals and compensation for distributed generation. Therefore, rate
168 design cannot be completely separated from consideration of how costs and benefits are
169 calculated for net metering."³

170 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR DISAGREEMENT WITH THE JOINT PARTIES'**
171 **APPROACH.**

172 A. Essentially, the Joint Parties have 1) developed a long-term analysis similar to what is
173 typically performed in an IRP, 2) reported cost impacts on the utility, and 3) reported rate
174 impacts. I have four disagreements with the Joint Parties approach. First, I believe that
175 the Joint Parties' framework has been intentionally designed to suppress information that
176 is readily available from the analysis that would provide a more complete evaluation of net
177 metering. Next, I disagree with the inclusion of some of the benefits that the Joint Parties
178 have recommended, and furthermore, I believe that the magnitude of some of the benefits
179 would not be as substantial as the Joint Parties suggested. Finally, for the purposes of
180 evaluating the costs and benefits on the utility and its non-net metering customers and in

³ Joelle Steward Direct Testimony, at line 154.

181 preparation for developing rates, I do not believe the sole focus of the framework should
182 be based on a long-term time horizon evaluation as the Joint Parties recommend.

183 **Q. YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED FOUR CONCERNS WITH THE JOINT PARTIES’**
184 **REBUTTAL TESTIMONY. IS ONE OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE?**

185 A. Yes, the primary concern that I will focus on is the first issue that I mentioned above, and
186 is in regards to information Mr. Woolf did not supply, which he discussed at length in his
187 rebuttal testimony. In addition, I will address the additional analysis that Mr. Woolf
188 included in his rebuttal testimony.

189 **Q. BEFORE DISCUSSING YOUR PRIMARY CONCERN IN DEPTH, COULD YOU**
190 **FIRST DESCRIBE YOUR OTHER THREE CONCERNS?**

191 A. I will briefly describe the other three concerns as they have been discussed at length in my
192 direct and rebuttal testimonies. First, I continue to disagree with the Joint Parties regarding
193 the inclusion of certain items in the cost/benefit framework, including potential and
194 speculative environmental compliance costs; risk reduction cost components, including
195 fuel price risk; reduced grid costs as a result of photovoltaic power production; and reduced
196 revenue requirements at the end of the year due to the value of expiring credits that provide
197 assistance to low-income customers. My next concern is that Mr. Woolf’s analyses uses
198 avoided costs that range from \$60 to \$116 per MWh.⁴ As Company witness Clements
199 notes in his rebuttal testimony, this range of avoided cost is quite high for PacifiCorp’s
200 system. Even the \$60 per MWh levelized value is above the current Schedule 37 rate for
201 a 20-year levelized PPA, which is \$52 per MWh.⁵ Finally, for the purposes of evaluating

⁴ Mr. Woolf essentially lowered his avoided cost estimate by adding a \$5/MWh cost in his rebuttal testimony to account for program administration and integration costs.

⁵ Paul Clements Rebuttal Testimony, at line 350.

202 the costs and benefits on the utility and its non-net metering customers and in preparation
203 for developing rates, I do not believe the sole focus of the framework should be based on
204 a long-term time planning horizon evaluation as the Joint Parties recommend. I would not
205 be opposed to developing impacts over a long-term horizon for informational purposes,
206 however, because net metering impacts are driven by rate design considerations, I believe
207 the analysis should be conducted over a shorter-term horizon using data assumptions that
208 are consistent with ratemaking analyses. I also recommend a shorter-term horizon because
209 the Commission has to consider impacts on the utility and non-net metering customers, and
210 because the Commission's framework is intended to be the basis for determining "a just
211 and reasonable charge, credit or ratemaking structure."⁶

212 **Q. COULD YOU DISCUSS MR. WOOLF'S LATEST ANALYSIS AND EXPLAIN**
213 **ABOUT THE INFORMATION THAT WAS READILY AVAILABLE, BUT THAT**
214 **MR. WOOLF DID NOT SUPPLY.**

215 A. Mr. Woolf's latest analysis appears to be identical to his prior analysis, however, he has
216 now included a cost that he said was based on a simplistic assumption of \$5/MWh to
217 account for program administrative costs and integration costs. As before, he developed
218 both a cost impact and rate impact analysis. Despite information being available, Mr.
219 Woolf appears to insist that his cost impact analysis should not report cost impacts
220 separately for the non-net metering residential customers and the net metering residential
221 customers. Instead, Mr. Woolf appears to insist that his cost impact analysis should only
222 report cost impacts on the combined residential class of customers. Mr. Woolf appears to
223 be equally insistent that his rate impact analysis should be the only analysis used to obtain

⁶ Utah Code Ann. § 54-15-105.1

224 an indication of the harm caused by PacifiCorp's net metering program, rather than
225 showing the shifting of the fixed costs from the net metering to the non-net metering
226 customers.

227 **Q. DO THE COST IMPACT ANALYSIS AND THE RATE IMPACT ANALYSIS USE**
228 **DIFFERENT ASSUMPTIONS OR A DIFFERENT EVALUATION**
229 **METHODOLOGY?**

230 A. According to Mr. Woolf there are no differences in the two analyses. The only difference
231 is the way that results are reported. The cost impact analysis reports results in dollars, and
232 the rate impact analysis reports results in cents/kWh.⁷

233 **Q. DOES MR. WOOLF STATE ELSEWHERE THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN**
234 **THE TWO ANALYSES?**

235 A. Yes, at a further point in his testimony he states that the cost impact analysis did not include
236 lost revenues, but that they were included in the rate impact analysis.⁸ What Mr. Woolf
237 refers to as lost revenues are really the fixed costs that are shifted from net metering to non-
238 net metering customers.

239 **Q. WAS MR. WOOLF CORRECT WHEN HE STATED THERE WERE NO**
240 **DIFFERENCES IN THE TWO ANALYSES OTHER THAN THE WAY THE**
241 **RESULTS WERE REPORTED?**

242 A. He was, the cost impact and rate impacts really are identical and Mr. Woolf is correct that
243 the only difference is the way the results were reported. In fact, to clear up confusion, Mr.
244 Woolf provided clarification of this in response to OCS 1.1⁹, in which he maintained that

⁷ Tim Woolf Rebuttal Testimony, line 623.

⁸ Tim Woolf Rebuttal Testimony, line 657.

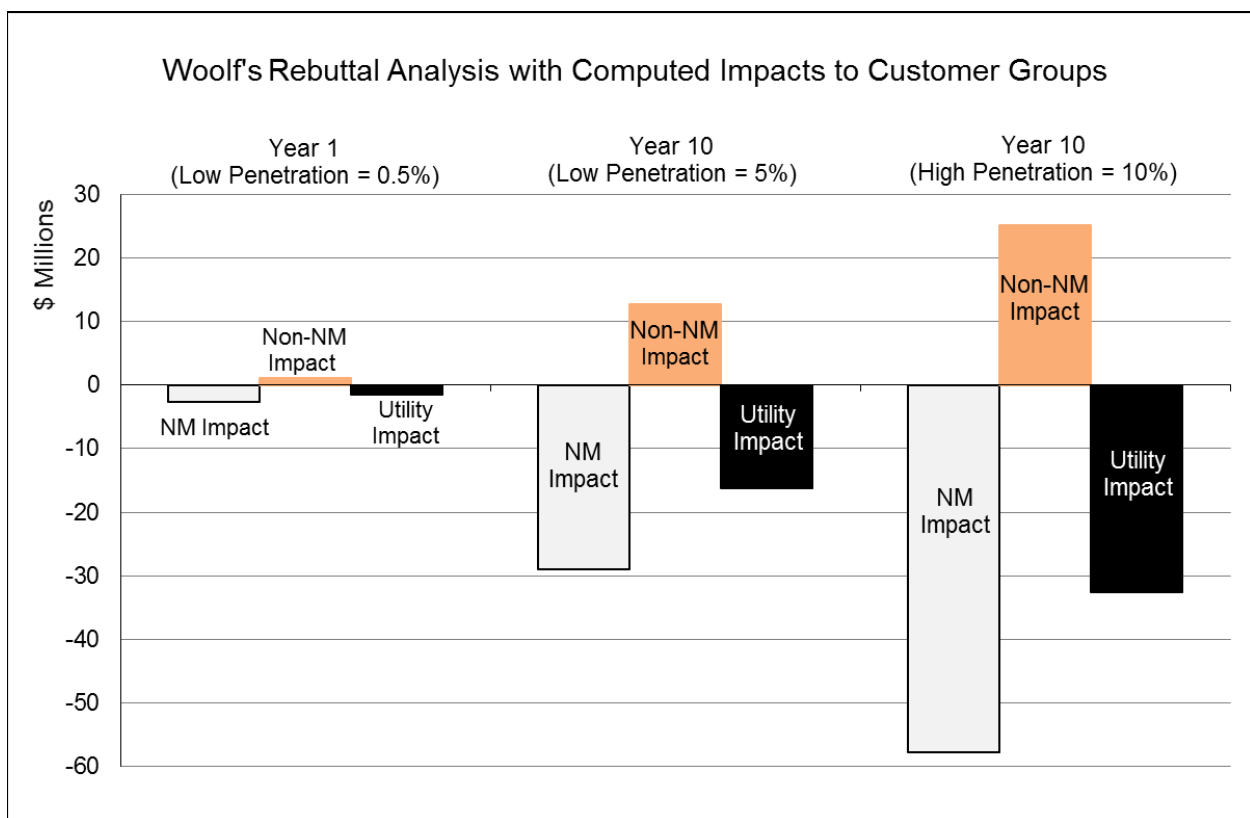
⁹ The Joint Parties' response to OCS 1.1 has been included with my workpapers.

245 the only difference between the two analyses is the way the results are reported. What Mr.
246 Woolf's analysis implies is that cost impact results should only be reported for the
247 combined category of residential customers, and should not be reported separately for the
248 net metering and for the non-net metering subsets of residential customers. This means
249 that when PacifiCorp's revenues decline due to the reduction in energy sales from net
250 metering customers, Mr. Woolf does not recommend identifying the cost increases that
251 non-net metering customers have to pay due to fixed costs that are shifted to them. This is
252 an important point that the Division, the Company, and the Office believe should be
253 highlighted.

254 **Q. DO YOU ACCEPT MR. WOOLF'S RECOMMENDATION OF REPORTING**
255 **RATE IMPACTS AS A REASONABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR NOT PRESENTING**
256 **COST IMPACTS SEPARATELY FOR THE TWO SUBSETS OF CUSTOMERS?**

257 A. No I do not. The rate impact analysis does provide useful information, however, it does
258 not provide an assessment of how costs and benefits are allocated, and how costs are shifted
259 to non-net metering customers from net metering customers, which is an important aspect
260 of the net metering program. Fundamentally, one of the questions at the heart of this
261 proceeding as defined by Utah statute is to measure the impact of the net metering program
262 to other customers. Thus, evaluating the cost shift should be an important component of
263 the framework that comes out of this proceeding. Furthermore, it is not as if Mr. Woolf's
264 cost impact analysis is incapable of developing the cost impact results on the different
265 subsets of customers. That information is readily available. In fact, I made minor
266 modifications to Mr. Woolf's cost impact analysis to report the same results that I presented
267 in my direct testimony, but using Mr. Woolf's framework. Hayet Surrebuttal – Exhibit

268 OCS-2.1SR included in this testimony contains Mr. Woolf’s results, but in the same format
 269 as my direct exhibit (Hayet Direct – Exhibit OCS-2.2D), which separately reports cost
 270 impacts on net metering, non-net metering, and all net metering and non-net metering
 271 residential customers combined. I refer to the combined impact as the Utility Impact. The
 272 results indicate that even though all residential customers combined incur a savings, non-
 273 net metering customer costs increase. The following graph compares results under the
 274 different penetration assumptions that Mr. Woolf made and at different time periods.¹⁰



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 276 These results, using only Mr. Woolf’s data, demonstrate the impact of the net
 277 metering program, which results in fixed costs being shifted from net-metering to non-net
 278 metering customers. In other words, because fixed costs are shifted, non-net metering

¹⁰ NM Impact refers to impacts on the net metering subset of residential customers, Non-NM Impact refers to impacts on the non-net metering subset of residential customers, and Utility Impact refers to impacts on all residential customers, that is, both the net metering and non-net metering subsets of residential customers combined.

279 customer costs increase, while net metering customer costs decline due to reduced
280 purchases from PacifiCorp. As the penetration of net metering increases, the harm to non-
281 net metering customers also increases. It is simply misleading only to report the Utility
282 Impact as Mr. Woolf emphatically recommends, especially given that all of this
283 information is readily available from his analysis. Mr. Woolf believes that the cost impact
284 on non-net metering customers is an unimportant aspect of the study and should not even
285 be reported. However, I think this is extremely important, as it demonstrates the way costs
286 are shifted from net metering to non-net metering customers.

287 **Q. MR. WOOLF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A RATE IMPACT ANALYSIS**
288 **SEEMS TO SUGGEST THAT IF RATE IMPACTS ARE SMALL THE HARM TO**
289 **NON-NET METERING CUSTOMERS SHOULD BE IGNORED. DO YOU**
290 **AGREE?**

291 A. No I do not. First, as I discussed in my rebuttal testimony, while Mr. Woolf suggested that
292 the largest rate impact caused by net metering might be just about 3%, I found that the
293 largest rate impact could be over 8%, which is not inconsequential. Furthermore, Mr.
294 Woolf's long term rate impact analysis is focused on but one issue, the impact of just net
295 metering on rates. At the same time, there are many other factors including fuel costs,
296 O&M expenses, administrative costs, capital costs, etc. that could also drive rates higher.
297 As a result, not only would non-net metering customers be forced to pay higher rates due
298 to the net metering program, non-net metering customers could also incur higher rates due
299 to a host of other factors as well. The point is that net metering is not the only reason that
300 non-net metering customers' rates could rise, and the increase caused by net metering
301 would be additive to any other rate increase that might occur.

302 **Q. MS. MORGAN CRITICIZED YOUR ANALYSIS FOR ASSUMING THAT FIXED**
303 **COSTS WOULD INCREASE OVER TIME. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS IS A**
304 **REASONABLE CRITICISM?**

305 A. No, I do not. I admit that nobody has perfect knowledge as to how much costs may grow,
306 or possibly decline over time. However, the number of residential customers on
307 PacifiCorp's system continues to grow each year, and that means PacifiCorp will continue
308 to need to build out its distribution system, which will lead to higher fixed costs.
309 Furthermore, equipment will always need to be replaced as it becomes obsolete. For these
310 reasons, I believe it was perfectly reasonable to assume that the fixed costs would increase
311 at the rate of inflation. Furthermore, we have recommended that the evaluation should be
312 performed over a short-term horizon consistent with the ratemaking process. In the future,
313 as rates are updated, the study would be revised using assumptions that would be current
314 at the time, and if in fact fixed costs decrease those revised assumptions would be picked
315 up in the analysis at the time.

316 **Q. MR. NORRIS RECOMMENDED USING A CAPACITY CONTRIBUTION**
317 **VALUE OF SOLAR THAT IS MUCH HIGHER THAN WHAT THE**
318 **COMMISSION ADOPTED IN DOCKET NO. 14-035-140. IS THERE ANY**
319 **JUSTIFICATION FOR ASSIGNING A HIGHER CAPACITY CONTRIBUTION**
320 **VALUE TO DISTRIBUTED SOLAR GENERATION FACILITIES THAN TO QF**
321 **SOLAR FACILITIES?**

322 A. No there is not. Solar facilities placed on rooftops are much more limited in their ability
323 to optimize the location where they could be installed compared to QF solar facilities. Mr.
324 Norris' recommendation of performing a study that might lead to capacity contribution

325 values between 53% and 87% is highly optimistic, particularly in light of the Commission's
326 findings in Docket 14-035-140. I continue to recommend using a capacity contribution
327 value for fixed tilt solar of 34% as the Commission determined in Docket 14-035-140.

328 **Q. MR. NORRIS CRITICIZED DIVISION WITNESS DAVIS' STATEMENT THAT**
329 **AVAILABLE RESULTS SUGGEST THAT NET METERING CUSTOMERS DO**
330 **NOT PROVIDE MEANINGFUL OFFSETS TO SYSTEM PEAK LOADS. DO YOU**
331 **AGREE WITH MR. NORRIS?**

332 A. No, I believe that Mr. Norris' criticism is unwarranted. The point that Mr. Davis tried to
333 make is that based on data that the Company provided from a study performed in 2010, it
334 appeared that solar load profiles do not follow the same hourly pattern as the system load.
335 Mr. Davis noted the Company determined "that by the time the system was reaching its
336 peak load, the solar generation on the circuit under study was producing less than seven
337 percent of the needed system peak load requirement."¹¹ Because of that, he stated, "net
338 metering customers do not yet offer a steady and predictable offset to system peak load
339 that can be relied upon in capacity planning."¹² Mr. Norris' criticism, it seems, is that even
340 if 7% was correct, which he did not believe it was, solar resources would provide every bit
341 as meaningful of an offset as conventional units such as Gadsby would provide.

342 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT MR. DAVIS WAS CORRECT IN SUGGESTING THAT**
343 **SOLAR RESOURCES DO NOT PROVIDE MEANINGFUL OFFSETS TO**
344 **SYSTEM PEAK LOADS FOR PURPOSES OF CAPACITY PLANNING?**

345 A. I do. This is the same capacity contribution of solar resources issue that the Commission
346 investigated in Docket 14-035-140. If solar resources do not peak at the same time that the

¹¹ Robert Davis Direct Testimony, line 196.

¹² Robert Davis Direct Testimony, line 191.

347 system peaks, then the capacity contribution value of solar resources has to be less than
348 100%. I believe this was all that Mr. Davis was trying to explain when he discussed that
349 solar resources produce just 7% of their nameplate rating at the time of the system peak.
350 Furthermore, as I mentioned earlier, I believe the capacity contribution of solar resources
351 should be set to 34%, and resources such as Gadsby should be set to 100%.

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IV. OTHER WITNESS ISSUES

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355 **Q. SEVERAL PARTIES INCLUDING MR. DAVIS, MR. WOOLF, AND MR. BLACK**
356 **COMMENTED ON THE ASSUMPTIONS YOU USED IN YOUR**
357 **HYPOTHETICAL STUDY. PLEASE DISCUSS THEIR COMMENTS.**

358 **A.** In my Direct Testimony, I explained that my assumptions were hypothetical and were not
359 intended to be a precise analysis of the costs and benefits of net metering. They were,
360 however, designed to provide a reasonable assessment of the impacts in order for the
361 Commission to be able to evaluate the Office's proposed framework. The Division and
362 the Company both found the framework to be reasonable, and the most significant criticism
363 by the Joint Parties was that I included lost revenues in the analysis, which as I explained
364 above really meant that I reported cost impact results not just for the residential customers
365 in total, but I also showed the results for non-net metering customers as compared to net
366 metering customers. As I stated already, I do not find that to be a valid criticism.

367 In regards to the assumptions I used, I intentionally chose values that I thought were
368 reasonable for PacifiCorp, though not exact. I would not disagree with Mr. Davis' point
369 that my analysis would be a reasonable way to evaluate costs and benefits if non-
370 hypothetical inputs were used. However, I do believe the values I chose were basically

371 realistic.¹³ From clarification that Mr. Davis provided in response to OCS 1.1¹⁴, I believe
372 that he agrees with this point. Mr. Woolf found that I did not fully describe my
373 assumptions, therefore he said he was unable to comment on the validity of my
374 assumptions.¹⁵ I am sure additional information could have been provided that Mr. Woolf
375 would have found useful; however, Mr. Woolf must not have had too many concerns with
376 the values I used, as I am sure he would have enumerated every flaw that he noticed or
377 asked questions in discovery for clarification.

378 **Q. MR. WOOLF REFERRED TO YOUR RESULTS AND STATED,**
379 **“CONSEQUENTLY, THE COMMISSION SHOULD NOT INTERPRET ANY OF**
380 **THE RESULTS AS AN INDICATION OF THE COSTS AND BENEFITS FOR ALL**
381 **CUSTOMERS OR FOR NON-NEM CUSTOMERS.”¹⁶ DO YOU AGREE WITH**
382 **THIS?**

383 **A.** No, I do not. Mr. Woolf stated this because he noted that I referred to my analysis as being
384 a hypothetical analysis. However, as I mentioned, while I do not believe that the
385 assumptions I chose were exact, I do believe they were reasonable, and that the results
386 should be interpreted as providing an indication of the impacts on net metering and non-
387 net metering customers. I do agree with Mr. Woolf that a more comprehensive cost/benefit
388 analysis should be conducted using more precise inputs. Mr. Woolf recommends this as
389 well, as he described his analysis as being a relatively simple, illustrative analysis that was
390 developed using high level approximations for some of the key inputs.¹⁷

¹³ Robert Davis Rebuttal Testimony, line 29.

¹⁴ The Division's response to OCS 1.1 has been included with my workpapers.

¹⁵ Tim Woolf Rebuttal Testimony, line 498.

¹⁶ Tim Woolf Rebuttal Testimony, line 503.

¹⁷ Tim Woolf Rebuttal Testimony, line 587 and 613.

391 **Q. VIVINT SOLAR WITNESS MR. BLACK NOTED THAT YOU STATED IN YOUR**
392 **DIRECT TESTIMONY THAT YOU ACCOUNTED FOR T&D LINE LOSSES,**
393 **BUT HE SAID YOU DID NOT SHOW HOW THEY WERE ACCOUNTED FOR**
394 **OR HOW THEY AFFECTED RESULTS IN YOUR ANALYSIS. HOW DID YOU**
395 **ACCOUNT FOR LINE LOSSES?**

396 A. Mr. Black is correct, I only mentioned in my testimony that I did account for line losses,
397 however, the workpapers I supplied with my direct testimony identified the approach that
398 I used to calculate the line losses, which was to include a fixed 7% line loss factor. I have
399 also compared the results using other line loss factors, such as 10%, but that made a small
400 impact on the results, and my conclusions are identical to what I discussed in my direct
401 testimony.

402 **Q. THE COMMISSION, IN ITS PRE-HEARING NOTICE, IDENTIFIED A SERIES**
403 **OF QUESTIONS THAT IT DIRECTS WITNESSES TO BE PREPARED TO**
404 **TESTIFY TO AT THE HEARING. WHAT ARE THE COMMISSION'S**
405 **REQUESTS?**

406 A. The Commission requested parties to be prepared to testify at hearing on the following
407 matters, (1) what tools (e.g., GRID) the party recommends using for valuing each metric
408 in the framework the party is advocating; (2) to the extent a new tool will be required in
409 order to implement a party's recommendation, specific recommendations as to how the
410 tool may be feasibly developed; and (3) the period of time the party recommends analyzing
411 for each component of its recommended framework, including whether such period is
412 historic or forecast and the duration of the period to be analyzed. I will be prepared to
413 testify to these questions at hearing.

414 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CONCLUSIONS.**

415 A. The Commission stated in its July 1, 2015 Order that the Statute directs the Commission
416 to perform a cost-benefit analysis and determine whether the benefits of the net metering
417 program will exceed the costs, which the Commission has referred to as being Step One.
418 In my direct and rebuttal testimonies, and again in this surrebuttal testimony I have laid out
419 the Office's recommended framework for Step 1 to calculate costs and benefits on both the
420 utility, and on non-net metering customers. I also discussed in this testimony our
421 disagreements with the Joint Parties, which relate to the presentation of results, the benefits
422 to include in the analysis, the magnitude of the benefits, and the length of the study period.
423 The Office believes that it is important for the Commission to evaluate impacts on non-net
424 metering customers, and in particular to consider the costs that are shifted to them from net
425 metering customers, which our method does.

426 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

427 A. Yes it does.

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| Illustrative Example - Net Metering Impacts (Using Wolf Rebuttal Workpaper Cases) | | | | | | |
|--|---|----------------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Comparison of Growth Cases | | | | | | |
| | Year I (0.5% penetration) 3,670 NM Customers | | Year 10 (5% penetration) 40,134 NM Customers | | Year 10 (10% penetration) 80,267 NM Customers | |
| | Annual Total (\$/Year) | Customer \$/Month | Annual Total (\$/Year) | Customer \$/Month | Annual Total (\$/Year) | Customer \$/Month |
| Tot Reduction in Costs to NM | | | | | | |
| Avoided Costs | -890,220 | -20.22 | -9,805,074 | -20.36 | -19,775,458 | -20.53 |
| <u>Fixed Cost Shifted to Other Cust</u> | <u>-1,776,574</u> | <u>-40.34</u> | <u>-19,226,722</u> | <u>-39.92</u> | <u>-37,965,222</u> | <u>-39.42</u> |
| NM Cust Cost Savings | -2,666,794 | -60.56 | -29,031,796 | -60.28 | -57,740,680 | -59.95 |
| Tot Increase in Costs to Non-NM | | | | | | |
| Avoided Costs | -601,544 | -0.07 | -6,510,126 | -0.71 | -12,854,940 | -1.48 |
| <u>Fixed Cost Shift from NM</u> | <u>1,776,574</u> | <u>0.20</u> | <u>19,226,722</u> | <u>2.10</u> | <u>37,965,222</u> | <u>4.38</u> |
| Non-NM Customer Cost Increase | 1,175,030 | 0.13 | 12,716,597 | 1.39 | 25,110,282 | 2.90 |
| Total Impact to Utility | | | | | | |
| Avoided Costs | -1,491,764 | -0.17 | -16,315,199 | -1.69 | -32,630,399 | -3.39 |
| <u>Fixed Cost</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Utility Savings | -1,491,764 | -0.17 | -16,315,199 | -1.69 | -32,630,399 | -3.39 |