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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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In the Matter of the Application of)	
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER)	
for Approval of Power Purchase)	DOCKET NO. 15-035
Agreement Between PacifiCorp)	
and Iron Springs Solar, LLC)	APPLICATION OF
)	ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER
)	

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-12-2, PacifiCorp, doing business in Utah as Rocky Mountain Power ("Rocky Mountain Power" or "Company") hereby files this Application requesting approval of the Power Purchase Agreement ("Agreement") between PacifiCorp and Iron Springs Solar, LLC ("Iron Springs") dated April 6, 2015.

In support of its Application, Rocky Mountain Power states as follows:

1. Rocky Mountain Power is a public utility in the state of Utah and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission with regard to its rates and service. Rocky Mountain Power also provides retail electric service in the states of Idaho and Wyoming. As a "purchasing utility," as that term is used in Utah Code Ann. §54-12-2, the Company is obligated to purchase power from qualifying facilities pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, Utah Code Ann. §54-12-1, *et seq.*, and the Commission's orders. Under the

Agreement, Iron Springs represents itself to be a qualifying facility, and agrees to provide

the Company, upon request, with evidence to show its qualifying facility status.

2. Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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3. In Docket No. 12-035-100, *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*, the Commission issued a series of Orders, which established avoided capacity and energy cost payments for purchases from renewable QF projects larger than three megawatts, such as Iron Springs', under contracts with the Company with terms up to 20 years.

4. The Agreement provides for the sale to the Company of energy to be generated by Iron Springs, from a solar-powered generation facility for the generation of electric energy located in Iron County, Utah (the "Facility"). A copy of the confidential Agreement is attached to this Application as <u>Exhibit A</u>. A copy of the redacted Agreement is attached to this Application as <u>Exhibit B</u>. The Agreement is for a term of twenty (20) years from the Commercial Operation Date.

5. The purchase prices set forth in the Agreement were calculated using the methodology approved in Docket No. 12-035-100.

6. The Facility is located in Iron County, Utah in an area served by Rocky Mountain Power. All interconnection requirements will be met and the Facility will be fully integrated with the Rocky Mountain Power system.

7. The Agreement constitutes a "New QF Contract" under the PacifiCorp Interjurisdictional Cost Allocation Protocol ("Protocol"), previously filed with the Commission pursuant to a stipulation in Docket No. 02-035-04. According to the terms of the Protocol, the costs of the QF provisions would be allocated as a system resource, unless any portion of those costs exceed the cost the Company would have otherwise incurred acquiring comparable resources.

WHEREFORE, Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Agreement and find the terms and conditions of the Agreement to be just, reasonable and in the public interest.

DATED this 10th day of April 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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