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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 Granite Mountain Solar East, 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 Granite Mountain Solar East, LLC ("Granite Mountain East") 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, Granite Mountain East 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 Granite Mountain East's, 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 Granite Mountain East, 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 Exhibit A. A copy of the redacted Agreement

is attached to this Application as Exhibit B. 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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