

Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Revise Rates in Tariff Schedule 98, Renewable Energy Credits Balancing Account	<u>DOCKET NO. 18-035-06</u> <u>ORDER ESTABLISHING FINAL RATES</u>
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ISSUED: August 30, 2018

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On March 15, 2018, PacifiCorp, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power (“PacifiCorp”), filed an application (“Application”) requesting approval to revise the collection rates for the Renewable Energy Credits (“REC”) Balancing Account (“RBA”) in its P.S.C.U. No. 50 Electric Service Schedule No. 98, “REC Revenue Adjustment” (“Schedule 98”). PacifiCorp’s Application sought a revenue increase of approximately \$1.5 million, or 0.1 percent, which is the difference between the (then) current Schedule 98 RBA surcredit collection level of approximately -\$1.0 million and the Application’s proposed collection level of approximately \$0.507 million with an effective date of June 1, 2018.<sup>1</sup>

After a publicly noticed period for comment, the Public Service Commission’s (“PSC”) designated Presiding Officer conducted a hearing on the Application on May 17, 2018. PacifiCorp and the Division of Public Utilities (“DPU”) participated in the hearing. The PSC issued an order on May 22, 2018 (“May Order”), approving the Application and the attendant rates on an interim basis, effective June 1, 2018, subject to the PSC’s power to order a refund or surcharge following final review of the DPU’s audit and any associated comments.

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<sup>1</sup> See the PSC’s May 22, 2018 Order on interim rates for the full derivation of the \$1.5 million increase.

On July 10, 2018, the DPU filed its audit report (“Audit Report”), wherein the DPU represents it found no discrepancies in PacifiCorp’s records of the 2017 REC transactions. The DPU represents PacifiCorp “appears to be in compliance with regulatory and reporting requirements and the interim rates appear to be just and reasonable and in the public interest and should be made final.”<sup>2</sup> No other party filed comments or reply comments on the DPU’s Audit Report.

**ORDER**

Based on PacifiCorp’s Application, the Audit Report, the lack of opposition to the DPU’s Audit Report findings, and all of the evidence adduced prior to and in connection with the May Order, the PSC approves as final the interim rates and spread the PSC approved in its May Order.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 30, 2018.

/s/ Michael J. Hammer  
Presiding Officer

Approved and Confirmed August 30, 2018, as the Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
PSC Secretary  
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<sup>2</sup> Audit Report cover letter at 2, filed July 10, 2018.

Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15 of the Utah Code, an aggrieved party may request agency review or rehearing of this Order by filing a written request with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of this Order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC does not grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of the request, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a petition for review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any petition for review must comply with the requirements of §§ 63G-4-401 and 63G-4-403 of the Utah Code and Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on August 30, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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