

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Applica-)
tion of PACIFICORP for an)
Order Approving its Avoided)
Cost Rates.)

DOCKET NO. 94-2035-03

ORDER

ISSUED: June 13, 1994

Appearances:

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For

PacifiCorp

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Division of Public
Utilities and Committee
of Consumer Services

By the Commission:

On May 20, 1994, PacifiCorp filed a motion to suspend the availability of qualifying facility ("QF") contracts for QFs 1,000 kw, or less, in size pending issuance of the Commission's final order in this docket. On May 31, 1994, pursuant to notice regularly given, PacifiCorp's motion was heard before the Commission. No party appeared in opposition to the motion.

Being fully advised, the Commission now makes the following Findings of Fact, together with the Order based thereon:

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS OF FACT

1. PacifiCorp's existing standard avoided cost rates were approved by the Commission in its April 23, 1992, order in Docket No. 91-2035-01. In that order, the Commission stated:

The Commission is aware that these rates are based on a 1989 least cost plan, RAMPP I, and that these rates may need to be re-calculated in the near future.

2. On April 29, 1994, PacifiCorp filed an application and supporting testimony in this docket seeking Commission approval of revised standard avoided cost rates.
3. In its application and prefiled testimony, PacifiCorp states that the existing standard avoided cost rates do not reflect the changes which have occurred in PacifiCorp's resource requirements and resource options over the last two years and, as a result, those rates are approximately twenty-one percent higher than they should be based on PacifiCorp's avoided costs.
4. PacifiCorp also represents that it currently has no pending requests for QF contracts from QFs 1,000 kw, or less, in size and that a Commission order granting its requested relief will not prejudice any existing QF.
5. This docket will provide the Commission with its first opportunity in several years to review PacifiCorp's standard avoided cost rates and determine, based on PacifiCorp's current integrated resource plan, whether those rates should be revised.
6. Pending the results of that review, it is in the public interest to suspend the availability of QF contracts for QFs 1,000 kw, or less, in size.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the availability of QF contracts for QFs 1,000 kw, or less, in size is suspended pending issuance of the Commission's final order in this Docket.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 13th day of June, 1994.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ James M. Byrne, Commissioner

(SEAL)

/s/ Stephen C. Hewlett, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary