

# State of Utah Department of Commerce Division of Public Utilities

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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities

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Subject: Status Report on Four PacifiCorp Resource Acquisition Dockets

Date: May 13, 2008

In addition to its Request for Proposal (RFP) 2012 and its proposed RFP 2012-2016, PacifiCorp (Company) recently filed with the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) a Request for Waiver of Solicitation Process and for Approval of Significant Energy Resource Decision in Docket No. 08-035-35 and a notice of intent to file an RFP for renewable resources in Docket No. 08-035-40. This memo provides a brief status report on the four dockets and identifies recent events as well as key dates over the next month. The Division intends to file a similar memo each month with the Commission.

### **RFP 2012**

This RFP began as RFP 2009 in Docket 05-035-47. A number of delays occurred for a variety of reasons and are documented in Division memos and Independent Evaluator (IE) reports to the Company and to the Commission. The RFP 2012 has completed evaluation and final short-list stages, and negotiations are currently underway with EPC contractors. A conference call May 14 will provide a status update.

### RFP 2012-2016

The RFP 2012-2016 was filed in response to the withdrawal of the Amendment to the RFP 2012 and has incorporated lessons learned from the RFP 2012. The Division strongly recommended a careful assessment of the lessons learned from the RFP 2012 and believes these lessons learned will contribute to successful future resource acquisition. In response to comments due March 21, the Company made a number of changes and filed a final version of the RFP on March 28. IE

comments were submitted April 11, and final reply comments were submitted April 25. A final draft was issued April 28. A hearing was scheduled for May 1. An Order is now anticipated.

# **Waiver Request**

On April 1 the Company filed an application for a waiver request of the solicitation process and for approval of a significant energy resource decision. Comments on the waiver were submitted April 23, and an Order approving the waiver request was issued April 30. The Division has hired a consultant for the approval stage of the application. Two members of the Division and the consultant made a site visit to the plant May 7. Remaining confidential items were clarified May 12. The Division's consultant will provide a report on the approval May 26.

### Renewable RFP

On April 10 the Company informed the Commission that it would be issuing an RFP for new renewable resources in the second quarter of 2008. The renewable RFP will request up to 300 MW of system-wide resources with commercial operation no later than the end of 2011. An information filing on the Oregon and Washington filings was made with the Commission May 2.

The following table identifies recent milestones completed and highlights key dates to watch.

	Docket No.	Recent Milestones Completed/Dates to Watch
RFP 2012	05-035-47	Final Short-List Established
		Confidential briefing at hearing February 14
		Ongoing negotiations
		Conference call May 14 to update status
RFP 2012-2016	07-035-94	IE comments submitted April 11
		Reply comments submitted April 25
		Hearing May 1
		Order is now anticipated
Waiver Request	08-035-35	Waiver of solicitation approved April 30
		Division/consultant site visit at plant May 7
		Remaining confidential items identified May 12
		Division consultant report due May 26
		Testimony or comments due June 18
Renewable RFP	08-035-40	To be scheduled
		Information filings for Oregon and Washington

The Division intends to provide a similar status report to the Commission each month. Finally, the Division is aware of the challenge of bringing much-needed resources on-line over the next decade and will make a good-faith effort in complying with any approved expedited schedule.

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