

1 **Q. Please state your name, business address, and present position with**  
2 **PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power Company (“the Company”).**

3 A. My name is Gregory N. Duvall. My business address is 825 NE Multnomah, Suite  
4 600, Portland, Oregon 97232. My present position is Director, Net Power Costs.

5 **Qualifications**

6 **Q. Please describe your education and business experience.**

7 A. I received a degree in Mathematics from University of Washington in 1976 and a  
8 Masters of Business Administration from University of Portland in 1979. I was  
9 first employed by PacifiCorp in 1976 and have held various positions in resource  
10 and transmission planning, regulation, resource acquisitions and trading. From  
11 1997 through 2000 I lived in Australia where I managed the Energy Trading  
12 Department for Powercor, a PacifiCorp subsidiary at that time. After returning to  
13 Portland, I was involved in direct access issues in Oregon and was responsible for  
14 directing the analytical effort for the Multi-State Process (“MSP”). Currently, I  
15 direct the work of the load forecasting group, the net power cost group, and the  
16 renewable compliance area.

17 **Purpose of Testimony**

18 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

19 A. I present the Company’s proposed net power costs (“NPC”) for the 12-month  
20 period ending May 31, 2013. Specifically, my testimony:

- 21 • Describes the primary drivers behind the increase in NPC as well as factors  
22 that mitigate the increase;
- 23 • Describes changes the Company has made to the NPC study since the

- 24 Company's 2011 general rate case ("2011 GRC"), Docket No. UT 10-035-  
25 124;
- 26 • Updates the hedging and wind integration costs included in the Company's  
27 NPC; and
  - 28 • Proposes a process to update NPC during this and future general rate case  
29 proceedings to improve the accuracy of the base NPC rate while  
30 accommodating the needs of other parties to review and validate the NPC  
31 updates.

32 **Summary of Net Power Costs in the Current Filing**

33 **Q. What are the proposed system-wide NPC for the 12-month period ending**  
34 **May 2013?**

35 A. The proposed NPC for the 12-months ending May 31, 2013, are \$1.500 billion on  
36 a total Company basis, and \$645 million on a Utah allocated basis. The proposed  
37 total Company NPC are approximately \$25 million higher than the \$1.475 billion  
38 currently included in rates, and \$15.6 million on a Utah allocated basis.

39 **Q. Please generally describe the drivers of the Company's NPC in this filing.**

40 A. Table 1 below illustrates the change in total Company NPC by category from the  
41 NPC baseline in the 2011 GRC Stipulation, which included a \$33 million  
42 settlement adjustment. This adjustment is reflected in Table 1, and as will be  
43 discussed, the Company has incorporated a number of adjustments in the current  
44 filing that were proposed by parties in the 2011 GRC.

**Table 1**

**Net Power Cost Reconciliation (\$millions)**

<b>2011 General Rate Case</b>	<b>1,475</b>
Wholesale Sales	46
Purchased Power	(13)
Coal Generation	34
Gas Generation	(71)
Wheeling Hydro and Other	(5)
<b>Total Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>(9)</b>
<b>Settlement Adjustment</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>2012 General Rate Case</b>	<b>1,500</b>

45 As shown in Table 1, the increase in NPC is driven largely by the decrease in  
46 wholesale sales revenue of \$46 million and an increase in coal costs of \$34  
47 million. These increases in costs are offset by a decrease in purchased power  
48 expense of \$13 million, wheeling expense of \$5 million, and a decrease in the cost  
49 of gas generation of \$71 million. On a total Company basis the proposed NPC  
50 represents an increase of 1.7 percent from the amounts currently included in rates.  
51 The major factors driving the level of NPC proposed in this proceeding are an  
52 overall reduction in both electricity and natural gas prices and a reduction in the  
53 retail load forecast of 2,472 gigawatt-hours (“GWh”) as compared to the 2011  
54 GRC load forecast.<sup>1</sup>

55 **Q. On an energy basis, how has the operation of the Company’s system changed**  
56 **since the 2011 GRC?**

57 A. With regard to energy, the primary change to the Company’s system is the

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<sup>1</sup> The Company continues to forecast increases in loads over time, but at a lower rate of growth than was expected in the forecast used in the 2011 general rate case.

58 decrease in the retail load forecast of 2,472 GWh as noted above. Consistent with  
59 the lower forecast of retail load, wholesale sales increased by 1,303 GWh and  
60 purchased power volumes decreased by 1,249 GWh. With regard to the  
61 Company's thermal generation, gas generation increased by 1,257 GWh and coal  
62 generation decreased by 1,034 GWh. The changes in the dispatch of the  
63 Company's thermal generation fleet can be best explained by changes in  
64 electricity and natural gas prices relative to the 2011 GRC. With the continued  
65 decline in average market prices the decision to generate power in order to sell  
66 into the wholesale market is contingent on electricity prices and natural gas prices  
67 relative to the variable operating costs of the individual thermal units. This  
68 relationship of electricity prices, natural gas prices, and the operating costs of the  
69 thermal generation fleet will be discussed in more detail later in my testimony.

70 **Discussion of Major Cost Drivers in NPC**

71 **Q. Please discuss the reduction in wholesale sales revenue in NPC in the test**  
72 **year.**

73 A. As shown in Table 1, on a total Company basis, wholesale sales revenues have  
74 declined by \$46 million, or 8 percent, since the 2011 GRC, even though the total  
75 volume of sales has increased by approximately ten percent (1,303 GWh).

76 **Q. Please explain why wholesale sales revenues declined, despite the increase in**  
77 **sales volumes related to lower retail loads.**

78 A. The decline in wholesale sales revenues is driven by the reduction in wholesale  
79 sales prices. The increase in volume was not great enough to overcome the  
80 reduction in price. Had prices remained at the same level as the 2011 GRC, this

81 additional sales volume, net of fuel costs, would have yielded a \$9 million  
82 reduction to NPC.

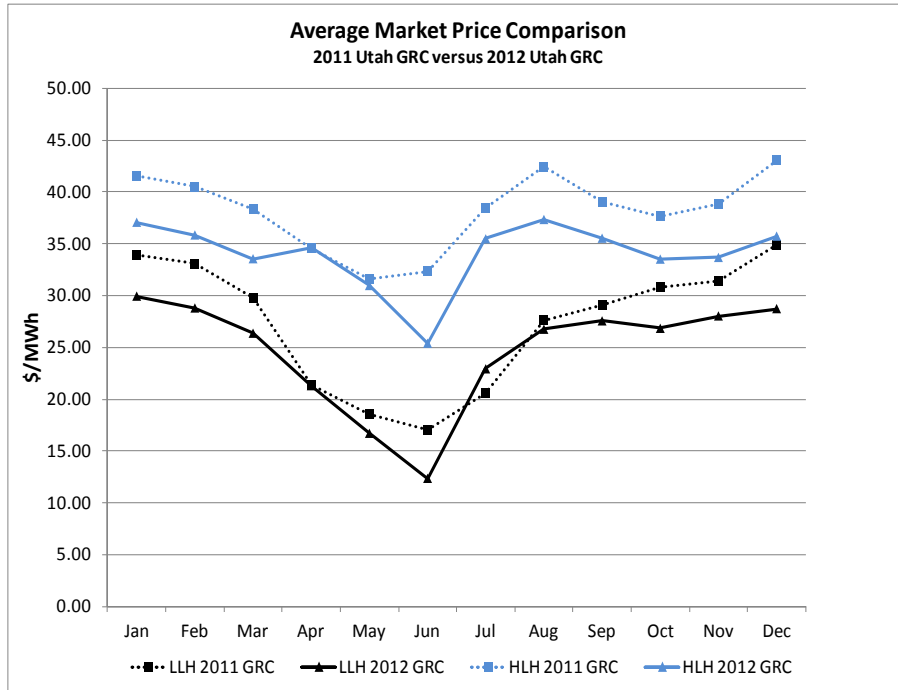
83 **Q. Has the Company also seen a decrease in purchased power expense and**  
84 **volume?**

85 A. Yes. With the reduction in load and lower market prices, purchased power  
86 volumes declined by 1,249 GWh which resulted in an overall reduction in  
87 purchased power expense of \$13 million. The reduction in purchased power  
88 volumes was also driven by an increase in the amount of generation from the  
89 Company's natural gas plants, which are now more economic because gas prices  
90 have fallen more than power prices, as described in further detail below.

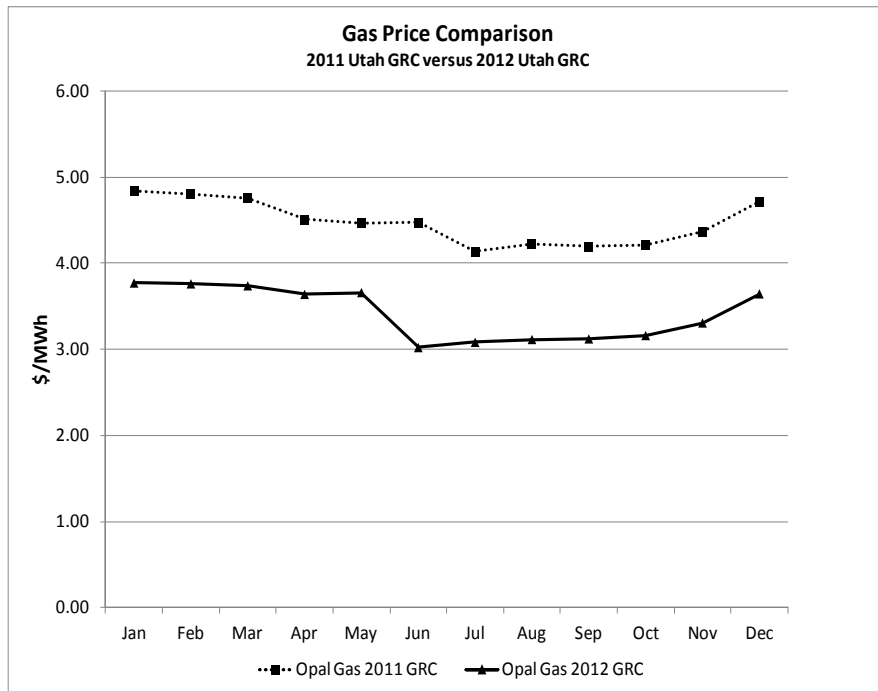
91 **Q. Please discuss the changes in wholesale electricity prices and the changes in**  
92 **natural gas prices since the 2011 GRC.**

93 A. Wholesale electricity prices have declined by approximately 10 percent and  
94 natural gas prices have declined by approximately 24 percent since the 2011  
95 GRC. In order to understand the impact these changes have on NPC it is  
96 important to look at it on a monthly basis, as well as by high load hours ("HLH")  
97 and low load hours ("LLH"). Table 2 shows the change in wholesale electricity  
98 prices (average market price at the Mid-Columbia ("Mid-C") and Palo Verde  
99 trading hubs) by month and by HLH and LLH. Table 3 shows the change in gas  
100 prices by month at the Opal trading hub, which is a source of gas for the gas  
101 plants located in Utah.

**Table 2**



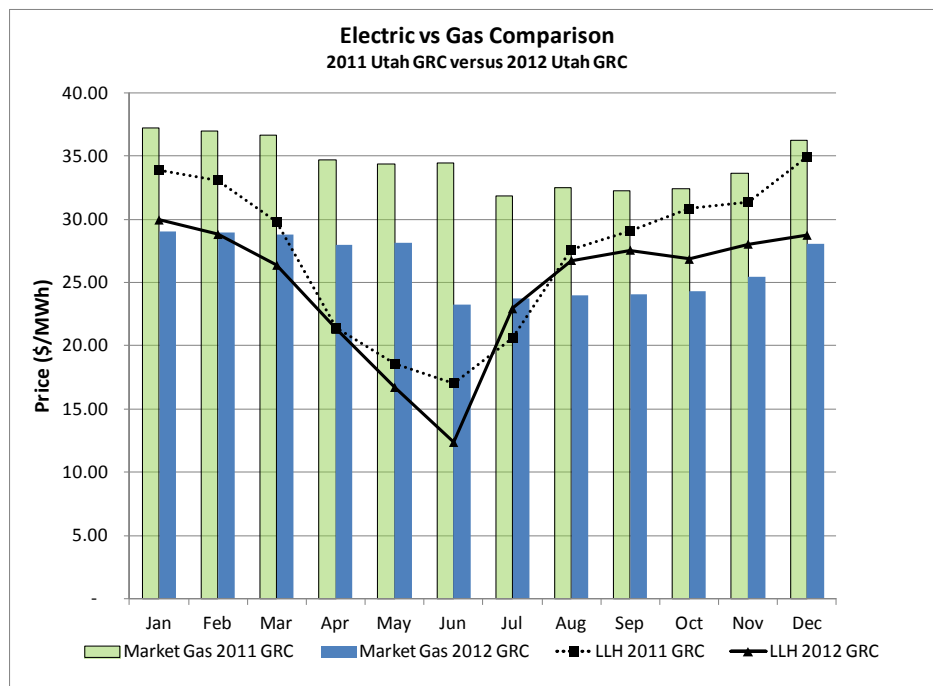
**Table 3**



102 Q. How did the change in natural gas prices impact the operation of the  
103 Company's natural gas resources?

104 A. As shown in Tables 2 and 3, both wholesale electricity and natural gas prices  
105 decreased since the 2011 GRC. However, as noted above, the reduction in natural  
106 gas prices was greater than the reduction in electricity prices, meaning that the  
107 Company's gas resources became more economic to operate relative to purchased  
108 power prices, especially in LLH. Table 4 below shows the change in the operating  
109 costs of the Company's natural gas resources relative to average LLH market  
110 prices as compared to the 2011 GRC.

**Table 4**



111 Table 4 shows that relative to market prices, natural gas generation is now more  
112 economic to operate than buying power in the wholesale markets during LLH for  
113 six months in the test period. Comparatively, in the 2011 GRC, gas generation  
114 was uneconomic as compared to LLH market prices in all months of the prior test

115 period. Intuitively this might imply that LLH market prices have increased,  
116 however, that is not the case. As can be seen in Table 4, there was a more  
117 significant reduction in natural gas prices relative to the decrease in electricity  
118 prices, making the Company's gas generation more economic during LLH.  
119 Indeed, the majority of the increase in gas generation occurred in LLH.

120 **Q. Please explain the increase in coal expenses in the current proceeding.**

121 A. Approximately \$34 million of the system NPC increase in the current proceeding  
122 is attributable to coal costs. Price increases are reflected in both the costs of third-  
123 party coal supply and transportation agreements, and cost increases at the  
124 Company's captive mines. Coal generation has decreased because forecasted  
125 retail load is lower and because market prices are lower in the test period versus  
126 the 2011 GRC, resulting in less economic dispatch of the coal units. Details on  
127 coal price changes are provided in the direct testimony of Company witness Ms.  
128 Cindy A. Crane.

129 **Q. Please further explain the reduction in coal generation in the current**  
130 **proceeding.**

131 A. Coal generation fell by approximately 1,034 GWh from 44,082 GWh in the 2011  
132 general rate case to 43,048 GWh in the current test period. Unlike gas generation  
133 that increased as a result of changing market prices, coal generation declined as  
134 falling market prices reduced generation from coal. In certain hours, especially  
135 during periods of spring runoff and excess hydro generation, market purchases are  
136 less expensive than the fuel cost of coal units, resulting in a reduction in the  
137 dispatch of coal units in those hours. When comparing coal generation during



138 HLH total generation is higher in the current proceeding than the 2011 GRC.

139 **Q. Are there any other factors that contribute to the reduction in coal**  
140 **generation?**

141 A. Yes. Reduced loads resulted in more times when the Company experienced  
142 transmission constraints in Wyoming that limited its export capability of available  
143 coal generation.

144 **Q. What caused the reduction in retail loads?**

145 A. The 2,472 GWh reduction in the retail load forecast in this case reflects the fact  
146 that the actual retail sales in 2011 came in below the levels forecast in the 2011  
147 GRC. In addition, a number of industrial customers with on-site generation are  
148 expected to serve a portion of their requirements with their own generation and  
149 several data centers have indicated that their expansion plans will not occur as  
150 soon as they previously indicated. While the Company continues to forecast load  
151 growth, it is expected to be slower than the October 2010 forecast that was used in  
152 the 2011 GRC. For further details on the load forecast, please refer to the  
153 testimony of Company witness Dr. Peter C. Eelkema.

154 **Q. Why has wheeling expense decreased?**

155 A. Wheeling expense has decreased primarily as a result of the expiration of the  
156 Centralia point-to-point wheeling contract on June 30, 2012.

157 **Changes to the NPC Study since the 2010 GRC**

158 **Q. What changes has the Company made to the NPC study since the 2011**  
159 **GRC?**

160 A. In response to issues raised by parties in the Company's 2011 GRC, the Company

161 refined the following inputs to Generation and Regulation Initiative Decision  
162 model (“GRID”):

163 • Lewis River – The Company now inputs normalized generation into the GRID  
164 model on a weekly basis to better reflect the Company’s operation of its hydro  
165 facilities for generating and providing reserves. This addresses the Utah  
166 Office of Consumer Services (“OCS”) proposed adjustment 8 from the 2011  
167 GRC.

168 • Bear River – The normalized capacity and generation now includes the impact  
169 of flood control years and reflects the Company’s more recent operation of the  
170 Cutler and Oneida plants and their ability to provide an increased level of  
171 reserves through motoring of the units. This addresses OCS proposed  
172 adjustment 7 and the Utah Industrial Energy Consumers (“UIEC”) proposed  
173 adjustment 14 from the 2011 GRC.

174 • California Independent System Operator (“Cal ISO”) – Transactions with the  
175 Cal ISO are now explicitly modeled in the GRID based on historical levels.  
176 This addresses the Division of Public Utilities (“DPU”) proposed adjustment  
177 7, OCS proposed adjustment 10.1, and UIEC proposed adjustment 1 from the  
178 2011 GRC.

179 • DC Intertie – The Company’s rights to use the DC Intertie have now been  
180 added to the GRID topology. This allows GRID to purchase power at the  
181 Nevada Oregon Border (“NOB”) market hub to serve load. This addresses  
182 OCS proposed adjustment 10.2 and UIEC proposed adjustment 8 from the  
183 2011 GRC.

- 184           • Gadsby Must-Run – The Gadsby peaking units 4, 5 and 6 are no longer  
185 modeled as must-run units overnight. This addresses DPU proposed  
186 adjustment 2, OCS proposed adjustment 2.1, and UIEC proposed adjustment 3  
187 from the 2011 GRC.
- 188           • Non-Owned Wind Ancillary Service Revenues – Company witness Mr.  
189 Steven R. McDougal proposes to extend the deferral of Schedule 3A ancillary  
190 service revenues from non-owned wind in the Energy Balancing Account  
191 (“EBA”) without the application of the 30 percent sharing mechanism until  
192 the end of the test period May 31, 2013. This addresses DPU proposed  
193 adjustment 5 and part of OCS proposed adjustment 1 in the 2011 GRC.
- 194           • Morgan Stanley Call Options – These contracts have expired and have been  
195 removed from GRID. This addresses DPU proposed adjustment 8 and UIEC  
196 proposed adjustment 4 from the 2011 GRC.
- 197           • Centralia Point-to-Point Wheeling – This contract expires on June 30, 2012,  
198 and has been removed beyond that time. This addresses OCS proposed  
199 adjustment 10.3 and UIEC proposed adjustment 9 from the 2011 GRC.
- 200           • Hydro Outage Rates – The Company has adopted UIEC’s recommendation  
201 from the 2011 GRC, relating to the base period used to calculate hydro  
202 outages. This addresses UIEC proposed adjustment 10 from the 2011 GRC.
- 203           • Bridger Coal Adjustment – The Company has systematically removed all  
204 fines and citations from coal costs. This addresses UIEC proposed adjustment  
205 12 from the 2011 GRC.

206 • BPA Transmission Rate Increase – The rates for the Bonneville Power  
207 Authority have been set and are no longer an estimate for the test period in  
208 this case. This addresses OCS proposed adjustment 12.1 from the 2011 GRC.

209 **Hedging**

210 **Q. Does the Company continue to include hedging costs from financial**  
211 **transactions in NPC?**

212 A. Yes.

213 **Q. Has the Company entered into any financial hedging transactions since the**  
214 **Company entered into a settlement agreement with all parties in the 2011**  
215 **GRC on July 28, 2011?**

216 A. Yes. The test period includes six electricity swap transactions that were entered  
217 into subsequent to July 28, 2011. The total impact of these electricity swaps on  
218 NPC is a net gain of \$4,992. The test period does not include any gas swap  
219 transactions entered into subsequent to July 28, 2011.

220 **Wind Integration Costs**

221 **Q. What wind integration costs are included in NPC?**

222 A. The costs of integrating wind generation in the Company's balancing authority  
223 areas included in NPC are approximately \$3.44/MWh.

224 **Q. Does the Company continue to base its wind integration costs on the results**  
225 **of the 2010 Wind Integration Study (“Wind Study”) filed with this**  
226 **Commission in both the 2011 GRC and the 2011 Integrated Resource Plan**  
227 **dockets?**

228 A. Yes. The Company continues to believe that the level of reserves required to

229 integrate wind generation net of system load, as identified in the Wind Study, is  
230 appropriate.

231 **Q. Has the Company made any changes to the reserve requirements since the**  
232 **2011 GRC?**

233 A. Yes. The reserve requirement from the Wind Study has been increased to  
234 integrate the additional wind capacity in the test period. The Wind Study  
235 calculated that an average of 533 MW of reserves were necessary to integrate  
236 2,046 MW of wind capacity. This level of reserves was included in the prior case.  
237 The test period for this proceeding includes an average of 2,280 MW of wind  
238 capacity, 234 MW more than in the Wind Study. To integrate this additional  
239 capacity, the Company increased the reserve requirement by 25 MW to 558 MW,  
240 based on the relationship between the reserves required at the two highest  
241 penetration levels in the wind study.

242 **Q. Has the Company included the costs associated with integrating the non-**  
243 **owned wind generation in the Company's balancing authority areas?**

244 A. Yes. As explained in the 2011 GRC, the Company is required by federal law to  
245 provide wind integration services to its wholesale customers on a non-  
246 discriminatory basis. Therefore, the Company continues to believe it is  
247 appropriate to reflect these costs in rates as prudent and necessary costs associated  
248 with operating its system.

249 **Q. Has the Company filed its transmission rate case with FERC, and included**  
250 **charges for ancillary services for non-owned wind facilities?**

251 A. Yes. The Company filed its transmission rate case on May 26, 2011, under docket

252 number ER11-3643. In that case, the Company proposed a new Schedule 3A that  
253 will apply to all transmission customers delivering energy from generators in  
254 PacifiCorp's balancing authority areas to other balancing authority areas. The  
255 transmission rate case is ongoing with FERC.

256 **Q. Will the Company include these incremental revenues resulting from the**  
257 **FERC transmission rate case in Utah rates once they are known and**  
258 **measurable?**

259 A. Yes. As more fully explained in the direct testimony of Company witness Mr.  
260 McDougal, since the exact amount of any increase are unknown at this time, the  
261 Company proposes to defer any ancillary service revenues resulting from the  
262 FERC transmission rate case through the end of the test period May 31, 2013.  
263 This deferral will occur through the EBA without the application of the 30 percent  
264 sharing mechanism. Utah's allocated share of these deferred revenues that are  
265 incremental to revenues included in the Company's filing may then be passed  
266 through to Utah customers as directed by the Commission.

#### 267 **Improving NPC Accuracy**

268 **Q. Does the Company propose to update NPC during the course of this**  
269 **proceeding and in general rate cases in the future in order to improve the**  
270 **accuracy of the NPC projections?**

271 A. Yes. The Commission authorized the Company to establish an EBA in which the  
272 base NPC will be set in general rate cases. In order to achieve the most accurate  
273 forecast of base NPC, and thus minimize the deferred NPC, the Company  
274 proposes to update the following limited categories of NPC:

- 275           • The official forward price curve for electricity and natural gas;
- 276           • Coal costs;
- 277           • Wholesale sales and purchase contracts for electricity and natural gas, for both
- 278           physical and financial products;
- 279           • Transmission contracts to wheel generation to load centers; and
- 280           • Transportation contracts to deliver natural gas to generation facilities.

281   **Q. Did the Company propose to update NPC in the 2011 general rate case?**

282   A. Yes. In its rebuttal filing, the Company proposed to make several updates to NPC.

283   No party objected to the inclusion of updates and the updated NPC was the basis

284   for the NPC adopted in the settlement stipulation in that case. However, the

285   Commission order was silent on whether updates would be allowed in the future.

286   **Q. What is the Company proposing in this case?**

287   A. The Company is requesting that the Commission establish a fixed schedule of

288   when NPC updates will occur over the course of a rate case proceeding and what

289   particular NPC items will be updated. This will ensure that the update process is

290   applied consistently and that no party will selectively accept or reject updates only

291   on the basis that they increase or decrease NPC.

292   **Q. When does the Company propose to make these updates during this**

293   **proceeding and future general rate case proceedings?**

294   A. The Company proposes to update NPC for the limited categories prior to parties’

295   filing their direct testimony. In this proceeding, the Company proposes to file the

296   update one month prior to the date that other parties will file direct testimony. In

297   addition, prior to the update filing, the Company will periodically provide new

298 information in those categories that will be reflected in the update filing, either on  
299 a monthly basis or when a significant amount of information has been  
300 accumulated. The Company believes that this will allow adequate time for parties  
301 to review the information prior to filing their direct testimony.

302 **Q. Why is it reasonable to update NPC during the course of a general rate case**  
303 **proceeding?**

304 A. The Company's load and resource balance for any given period change with time,  
305 as do market prices and contracts. As a result, the operation of the Company's  
306 system continues to change during the course of the NPC proceeding. The  
307 Company's proposal to update NPC will ensure that the NPC forecast for the rate  
308 effective period is as accurate as possible.

309 **Q. Will such updates unreasonably impact other parties' abilities to review the**  
310 **Company's NPC?**

311 A. No. The Company believes the review time is reasonable given the limited scope  
312 of the update and the provision of new information in a timely fashion. These  
313 updates are transparent, apply equally whether they increase or decrease NPC, can  
314 be easily verified and are straightforward to model in GRID. In addition, the  
315 Company will provide work papers to support these updates.

316 **Q. Do other commissions allow the Company to update its NPC inputs,**  
317 **including the forward price curve after the initial filing?**

318 A. Yes. This has become the regular practice in Oregon and Washington with the  
319 goal of improving the accuracy of the NPC in rates. For example, the Oregon  
320 Commission authorizes the Company to update its forward price curve and new



321 information on contracts for electricity and natural gas after it has entered its final  
322 order, but prior to the time rates go into effect. The Company made this same  
323 proposal in its current Wyoming rate case that was filed on December 09, 2011.  
324 The Wyoming Public Service Commission has included the NPC update in the  
325 procedural schedule for that case. The Company made this proposal in Wyoming  
326 for the same reasons it is making it in this case; to improve the accuracy of base  
327 NPC in order to minimize the EBA true-ups.

328 **Determination of NPC and Model Inputs and Outputs**

329 **Q. Please explain NPC.**

330 A. NPC are defined as the sum of fuel expenses, wholesale purchase power expenses  
331 and wheeling expenses, less wholesale sales revenue.

332 **Q. Please explain how the Company calculates NPC.**

333 A. NPC are calculated for a future test period based on projected data using GRID.  
334 GRID is a production cost model that simulates the operation of the Company's  
335 power system on an hourly basis.

336 **Q. Is the Company's general approach to the calculation of NPC using the  
337 GRID model the same in this case as in previous cases?**

338 A. Yes. The Company has used the GRID model to determine NPC in its Utah  
339 filings for several years.

340 **Q. Is the Company using the same version of the GRID model as used in its 2011  
341 general rate case?**

342 A. Yes.

343 **Q. What inputs were updated for this filing?**

344 A. All inputs have been updated since the 2011 general rate case, including system  
345 load, wholesale sales and purchase contracts for electricity, natural gas and  
346 wheeling, market prices for electricity and natural gas, fuel expenses, and the  
347 characteristics and availability of the Company's generation facilities. As noted  
348 previously, many issues raised by intervenors in the 2011 general rate case have  
349 also been addressed in this filing.

350 **Q. Has the Company changed its GRID model topology?**

351 A. Yes. There are two main changes to the GRID model topology. The first change  
352 better reflects the wheeling contracts with Idaho Power Company and the impact  
353 of the Populus to Terminal line. The second change better reflects the operational  
354 constraints of the Company's wheeling contracts with the BPA after the  
355 expiration of the BPA Peaking contract.

356 **Q. What reports does the GRID model produce?**

357 A. The major output from the GRID model is the NPC report. This is attached to my  
358 testimony as Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(GND-1). The GRID model also produces more  
359 detailed reports in hourly, daily, monthly and annual formats by heavy-load hours  
360 and light-load hours.

361 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

362 A. Yes.