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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp,)	
by and through its Rocky Mountain Power)	DOCKET NO. 11-035-73
Division, for Approval of a Solicitation)	
Process for an All-Source Resource for the)	APPLICATION
2016 Time Period)	
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**APPLICATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER
FOR APPROVAL OF A SOLICITATION PROCESS**

PacifiCorp, by and through its Rocky Mountain Power division (“Rocky Mountain Power” or the “Company”), hereby makes application to the Public Service Commission of Utah (“Commission”) requesting approval of a solicitation process for an all source resource for the 2016 time period. This application is part of a multi-step process that the Company has undertaken in order to acquire a significant energy resource for the 2016 time period. In support of this application, Rocky Mountain Power states as follows:

1. Rocky Mountain Power is a division of PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp is an Oregon corporation that provides electric service to retail customers through its Rocky Mountain Power division in the states of Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho, and through its Pacific Power division in the

states of Oregon, California, and Washington (referred to herein as the “Company” or “Rocky Mountain Power”).

2. Rocky Mountain Power is a public utility in the state of Utah and is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction with respect to its prices and terms of electric service to retail customers in Utah. The Company serves approximately 800,000 customers and has approximately 2,400 employees in Utah. Rocky Mountain Power's principal place of business in Utah is 201 South Main Street, Suite 2300, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

3. This application is filed pursuant to the Energy Resource Procurement Act, Utah Code Ann. §54-17-101 *et seq.*, (the “Act”) and Commission Rules R746-420 *et seq.* (the “Rules”), which mandate, among other things, that the Company file a proposed solicitation process with the Commission as part of the process for approval of a significant energy resource.

4. Communications regarding this filing should be addressed to:

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In addition, Rocky Mountain Power requests that all data requests regarding this application be sent in Microsoft Word or plain text format to the following:

By email (preferred): datarequest@pacificorp.com

By regular mail: Data Request Response Center
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Informal questions may be directed to Dave Taylor, Utah Regulatory Affairs Manager at (801) 220-2923.

5. The Act requires a utility to meet certain requirements prior to acquiring or constructing a significant energy resource after February 25, 2005.

6. For example, to begin the process, a utility must file a notice with the Commission for purposes of opening a docket to have an independent evaluator appointed by the Commission pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §54-17-203 and R746-420-1 of the Rules.

7. Second, the utility must file a request for approval that includes a description of the solicitation process to be used; a draft solicitation and any other information the utility deems will be useful for the Commission to make a decision.

8. Third, the Commission must hold a public hearing and provide interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed solicitation process. As part of this process, the Commission may provide guidance on any necessary changes or additions to the utility's proposed solicitation process.

9. Unless the Commission determines that additional time to analyze a solicitation process is warranted and is in the public interest, the Commission must, within 60 days of the filing of a request pursuant to the Act, approve the proposed solicitation process; suggest modifications thereto; or reject it.

10. Finally, upon approval of the proposed solicitation process, the utility may then issue the solicitation to the market.

Request for Approval of Solicitation Process

11. The Company files this application, along with its draft request for proposals ("Application"), to fulfill a portion of the capacity and energy resource needs for the 2016 time period identified in the Company's 2008 and 2011 Integrated Resource Plans ("IRP"), which requires the acquisition of a significant energy resource by June 2016.

12. The Company's draft request for proposals seeks a resource in 2016 from all types of resources and fuel types, for base, intermediate and/or summer peak resources, excluding renewable resources ("All Source RFP for 2016 Resource").

13. In accordance with R746-420-1(3)(a), the Company notified the Commission on April 4, 2011, at least 60 days prior to the filing of this Application, of its intent to conduct a solicitation process to enable the Commission to hire an independent evaluator. It is the Company's understanding that the Commission hired Merrimack Energy as the IE in this docket.

14. In accordance with R746-420-1(3)(b), the Company conducted a pre-issuance bidders' conference September 1, 2011, at least 15 days prior to the filing of this Application, to provide general information about the All Source RFP for 2016 Resource to interested bidders.

15. In accordance with the Act and the Rules, upon the filing of this Application, all interested parties will have an opportunity to review and comment on the All Source RFP for 2016 Resource prior to the Commission rendering a decision in this docket and, thus, prior to the Company issuing the All Source RFP for 2016 Resource to the market.

16. Upon Commission approval, the Company will issue the All Source RFP for 2016 Resource to the market, and will review and evaluate the bids submitted, based on the criteria set forth in the approved All Source RFP for 2016 Resource.

17. After completion of the selection of a final short list from the All Source RFP for 2016 Resource, completion of negotiations with bidders, and selection of the winning bid, the Company will file an application requesting approval of the significant energy resource decision pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §54-17-302.

18. The Company's anticipated schedule, specifically set forth in the All Source RFP for 2016 Resource, aims to meet the need identified in the IRP requiring the Company to have a

resource in service by June 2016. To that end, the Company's plan is to issue the approved All Source RFP for 2016 Resource on or before January 5, 2012.

19. Upon approval of the All Source RFP for 2016 Resource, the Company anticipates making every effort to submit a proposal to the Commission on the resource decision that has limited issues so as to facilitate the Commission's ability to render a decision within 120 days, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-302(5).

WHEREFORE, Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests an order of the Commission approving the Application; in particular, the All Source RFP for 2016 Resource.

DATED this 5th day of October, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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