

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power’s )  
Proposed Rate Changes to Electric Service ) DOCKET NO. 12-035-T10  
Schedule No. 37, Avoided Cost Purchases )  
from Qualifying Facilities. ) ORDER SUSPENDING  
 ) PROPOSED SCHEDULE 37 RATES  
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ISSUED: July 30, 2012

By The Commission:

On June 29, 2012, PacifiCorp, dba Rocky Mountain Power (“Company”), filed proposed changes to Electric Service Schedule No. 37, “Avoided Cost Purchases from Qualifying Facilities” (“Schedule 37”), of Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 48. This tariff modification goes into effect on July 30, 2012, unless suspended by the Commission.

On July 3, 2012, the Commission requested the Utah Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) to investigate and review the proposed changes. On July 23, 2012, the Division filed its review and recommendations.

We have reviewed the Company’s proposed rates and the Division’s review and observe a possible inconsistency with our approved method for calculating avoided costs. Therefore, consistent with Utah Code Annotated Section 54-7-12(5)(b), we suspend the proposed Schedule 37 rates pending further investigation.

Specifically, we question the timing of the next deferrable resource which the Company has identified as occurring in 2020. The Schedule 37 method requires the avoided cost calculation to be based on a load and resource plan developed in conjunction with the Company’s integrated resource plan (“IRP”) report.<sup>1</sup> The Company identifies the need for an

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<sup>1</sup> See Direct Testimony of Rodger Weaver, Docket No. 94-2035-03, pages 3 through 13.

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additional resource in the 2016 timeframe in its IRP and IRP Update reports filed March 31, 2011, and March 30, 2012, respectively. Neither the Company nor Division addresses this discrepancy in the timing of additional resource requirements which identify the period of resource deficiency. We will seek further clarification of this issue through an action request to the Division.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the proposed Schedule 37 rates are suspended pending further Order of the Commission.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

/s/ Ted Boyer, Chairman

/s/ Ric Campbell, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
Commission Secretary  
D#231934

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012, a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER SUSPENDING PROPOSED SCHEDULE 37 RATES was served upon the following as indicated below:

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