

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's)
Semi-Annual Demand-Side Management) DOCKET NO. 14-035-102
(DSM) Forecast Reports) ORDER
)

ISSUED: September 17, 2014

On July 21, 2014, PacifiCorp, d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power (“PacifiCorp”) filed its Utah Demand-Side Management (“DSM”) Balance Account Analysis (“Report”). The Report contains PacifiCorp’s historical monthly Electric Service Schedule No. 193 balancing account (“Schedule 193”) expenditures, rate recovery, and account balances for the period January 2012 through June 2014, along with projections for the period July 2014 through December 2015. The Report includes total historical DSM expenditures by program, year to date 2014 expenditures, and projected monthly DSM expenditures and bill credits by program for the period July 2014 through December 2015. This analysis is included in the Report’s Attachment A. The Report references the Commission’s August 25, 2009, Order in Docket No. 09-035-T08¹ (“2009 Order”) requiring PacifiCorp to provide the Commission and DSM Advisory Group a Schedule 193 balancing account analysis similar to that found in Advice No. 09-08.

On July 29, 2014, the Commission issued an action request to the Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) to evaluate the Report. On July 30, 2014, the Commission issued a notice of filing and comment period with parties’ comments and reply comments due to the Commission by August 20, 2014, and September 3, 2014, respectively. On July 30, 2014, PacifiCorp filed a revision of the Report’s Attachment A, which corrected the AFUDC rate in the

¹ See *In the Matter of the Approval of Rocky Mountain Power’s Advice No. 09-08 Schedule 193 Demand Side Management (DSM) Cost Adjustment*, Docket No. 09-035-T08 (Order Granting Approval of Phase I Stipulation; August 25, 2009).

DSM balancing account analysis. On August 20, 2014, the Division filed responsive comments. On August 21, 2014, Utah Clean Energy and the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (“UCE/SWEEP”) jointly filed responsive comments.² On September 2, 2014, PacifiCorp filed reply comments.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

The Report’s Revised Attachment A shows an under-collected Schedule 193 account balance of approximately \$12.3 million as of June 2014. The Report shows a projected under-collected balance of \$7.4 million by December 2014. PacifiCorp claims it will confer with the DSM Steering Committee to address the under-collection issue.

The Division notes the DSM Steering Committee met via teleconference on July 30, 2014, during which it expressed concerns about the current under-collected Schedule 193 balances. The Division represents the under-collected balances are a result of higher than expected costs in the Cool Keeper and Home Energy Savings programs. According to the Division, PacifiCorp will determine if a rate change to Schedule 193 will be required when it files the Annual DSM Report in November 2014. Based on its review, the Division concludes the Report complies with the 2009 Order and recommends the Commission acknowledge the Report.

UCE/SWEEP indicates it generally supports the projected growth in PacifiCorp’s Schedule 193 forecast, as well as the rate at which PacifiCorp currently acquires DSM program resources. UCE/SWEEP recommends the Report be modified to include a revised forecast for megawatt hour (“MWh”) and megawatt (“MW”) savings for the historical and forecast periods

² On September 11, 2014, UCE/SWEEP filed surreply comments requesting actions to be considered by the DSM Advisory Group and DSM Steering Committee.

included in the Report. UCE/SWEEP also recommends PacifiCorp include actual and forecasted MWh and MW savings in future semi-annual forecast reports.

In its reply comments, PacifiCorp asserts the 2009 Order requires only financial information for the semi-annual analysis and forecast of the Schedule 193 balancing account, as provided in the Report. PacifiCorp contends the 2009 Order does not call for a mid-year forecast of the annual DSM energy and capacity estimates that are contained in the annual DSM forecast filed each November. PacifiCorp claims semi-annual revisions to the November forecasts would be administratively burdensome, and for most programs, would only indicate a change in the timing of when such DSM resources would be acquired. Additionally, PacifiCorp asserts variations in DSM program performance is reviewed on a quarterly basis with the DSM Advisory Group or DSM Steering Committee members. PacifiCorp claims the additional information requested by UCE/SWEEP is not warranted. PacifiCorp states it is willing to include a column restating annual MWh and MW savings forecasts in future semi-annual report filings if parties so desire.

Our 2009 Order directs PacifiCorp to file certain semi-annual and annual reports in connection with the Schedule 193 balancing account. To be consistent with Advice No. 09-08, PacifiCorp must file:

1. A semi-annual Schedule 193 deferred account balance analysis by November 1 of each year and six months later which includes:
 - a. Historical and projected monthly DSM expenditures, rate recovery and account balances
 - b. Historical and projected monthly DSM expenditures by program, Schedule 193 revenue and self-direction credits.
2. An annual forecast of DSM program expenditures by November 1 of each year including:

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- a. Forecasted DSM expenditures for approved programs for the next calendar year.
- b. Forecasted acquisition targets, in megawatts and megawatt-hours, of approved programs for the next calendar year.

We find the Report complies with the required components listed for semi-annual reports, as indicated in item 1 above. As the Report is in compliance with our 2009 Order, and for the reasons explained by PacifiCorp in its September 2, 2014, reply comments, we decline to adopt UCE/SWEEP's recommendations to include this information in the Report. We concur with the Division's conclusion that the Report complies with our 2009 Order and therefore acknowledge the Report, including the revisions to the Report's Attachment A, as filed.

ORDER

As discussed above, we acknowledge PacifiCorp's Utah Demand-Side Management Balance Account Analysis, including the July 30, 2014, revisions to Attachment A.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 17th day of September, 2014.

/s/ Ron Allen, Chairman

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Thad LeVar, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the Commission fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the Commission's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on the 17th day of September, 2014, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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