

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Investigation of the
Costs and Benefits of PacifiCorp's Net
Metering Program

DOCKET NO. 14-035-114
ORDER GRANTING AUGUST 10,
2017 MOTION TO AMEND
SCHEDULING ORDER

ISSUED: August 11, 2017

On August 10, 2017, some parties ("Joint Movants")¹ filed a motion asking the Public Service Commission ("PSC") to stay the hearing scheduled for August 14, 2017, until the week of September 18, 2017, while parties continue settlement discussions.

On August 11, 2017, we issued a notice that we would not require parties to respond to the motion in advance of the hearing scheduled for August 14, 2017. Also on August 11, 2017, Rocky Mountain Power ("RMP"), and the Division of Public Utilities joined the request of the Joint Movants.² Western Resource Advocates ("WRA") also filed a response noting its conditional support for the position of the Joint Movants "provided that all intervening parties are permitted to participate in settlement discussions." With the exception of the conditional nature of WRA's support which we discuss below, the position of the Joint Movants now has the support of every party who filed testimony in this phase of the docket.

¹ The Joint Movants are the Office of Consumer Services, Vivint Solar, Utah Clean Energy, HEAL Utah, Utah Solar Energy Association, Vote Solar, Energy Freedom Coalition of America, SunRun, Sierra Club, Summit County, and Salt Lake City Corporation.

² This order references RMP's Amended Joinder. RMP also noted that a separate filing may request an earlier hearing in the event of an executed settlement stipulation.

Today's joinders indicate enough broad support for the motion that we conclude the benefits of granting the motion outweigh any potential prejudice to a party who has not joined. With respect to the conditional support of WRA, WRA has not indicated, and we are not aware of, any legal basis by which we can dictate the terms of settlement discussions. A party who is unsatisfied with the manner in which settlement discussions proceed may appear at hearing to oppose a settlement, but we are unaware of any other manner in which we could appropriately address WRA's concern. We recognize that our inability to address that concern may impact WRA's support for the position of the Joint Movants, but we conclude that issue is not sufficient to require all parties to appear on August 14, 2017, particularly if the only purpose would be to address an issue the resolution of which we are unable to control or direct. We grant the motion to reschedule the evidentiary hearing in this docket until the week of September 18, 2017.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING

The hearing previously scheduled in this docket for August 14-18, 2017 is canceled.

NOTICE OF HEARING

The PSC will conduct a hearing September 18-22, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) each day of the hearing. The hearing will be held in the Fourth Floor Hearing Room 403, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. All parties must have their witnesses in attendance and prepared to testify.

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during the hearing should notify the Commission at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530-6716, at least three working days prior to the hearing.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah this 11th day of August, 2017.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
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