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Utah Public Service Commission  
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Attention: Gary Widerburg  
Commission Secretary

RE: Docket No. 14-035-114 - In the Matter of the Investigation of the Costs and Benefits of PacifiCorp's Net Metering Program  
**Report on the Status of Processing the Affected Applications**

PacifiCorp d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power ("the Company") submits this update on the status of processing Levels 1 and 2 interconnection applications were granted a temporary extension of the timeframes in the administrative rules, authorized by the Public Service Commission of Utah's Order Granting Waiver on November 30, 2017, in the above-referenced proceeding.

**Background**

On November 28, 2017, the Company filed a Motion for Emergency Waiver of Levels 1 and 2 Interconnection Review Processing Timeframes ("Motion") requesting temporary relief of the obligation to comply with timeframes established by R746-312-8 through R746-312-9 for applications received between November 1 through 14, 2017 (the "Affected Applications").

On November 30, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Granting Waiver, which also directed the Company to file a report on the status of its processing of the Affected Applications by January 26, 2018.

**Report on Status of Affected Applications**

As stated in the Motion, the Company received a total of 4,820 applications between November 1 through 14, 2017. The Company completed initial review of all 4,820 Affected Applications in compliance with the temporary timelines established in the Commission's Order Granting Waiver. The Table below outlines the timelines that were temporarily adjusted and provides additional detail on the status of the Affected Applications:

Rule	Regulatory Timeline	Approved Temporary Timeline	Status (as of 1/26/2018)
Level 1:			
<u>R746-312-8(2)(c)[1]</u>	PacifiCorp within 10 business days after receipt of an interconnection request must evaluate the request for completeness and notify the requester as to whether the application is complete.	20 business days	All initial reviews were completed within 10 business days.
R746-312-8(2)(d)	PacifiCorp has 15 business days from the date on which it deems an application complete to determine whether the proposed generation system can be safely and reliably interconnected, and to notify the requester of that determination.	30 business days	All Affected Applications were processed within the 30 business days extension timeframe.
R746-312-8(2)(g)	PacifiCorp must issue a denial within 25 days after receipt of the application or the application is deemed approved.	50 business days	No Affected Applications were denied
Level 2:			
<u>R746-312-9(2)(c)[2]</u>	PacifiCorp within 10 business days after receipt of an interconnection request must evaluate the request for completeness and notify the requester as to whether the application is complete.	20 business days	All initial reviews were completed within 10 business days.
R746-312-9(2)(d)	PacifiCorp has 15 business days from the date on which it deems an application complete to determine whether the proposed generation system can be safely and reliably interconnected, and to notify the requester of that determination.	30 business days	All Affected Applications were processed within the 30 business days extension timeframe.

The Company appreciates the Commission's willingness to approve the temporary extension of these timelines. In the Order Granting Waiver, the Commission expressed its expectation that the Company would continue its best effort to process interconnection applications in a timely manner. As shown in the Table, the Company was able to process Affected Applications related to R746-312-8(2)(c) and R746-312-9(2)(c) within the regular timeframe of 10 business days. This was possible through overtime hours worked by Company employees during the last two weeks in November, including the Thanksgiving holiday.

In the Motion, the Company also noted that certain timeframes in the administrative rules may be implicated in 2018 by the large number of Affected Applications. Specifically, R746-312-8(4) requires the company to conduct any inspection or tests, set the meter, and issue final approval for parallel operation within 10 business days after receipt of all required documentation. The Company flagged the possibility that a significant number of inspections could be required in the same timeframe in the future after the installations are completed for the Affected Applications, creating the need for the Company to seek a temporary waiver again if the workload exceeds available resources. At this time, the Company does not see the immediate need for any additional temporary waivers, but the need could still arise during 2018.

Informal inquiries may be directed to Jana Saba at (801) 220-2823.

Sincerely,

  
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 26, 2018, a true and correct copy of Rocky Mountain Power's **REPORT ON THE STATUS OF PROCESSING THE AFFECTED APPLICATIONS** was served by email on the following Parties in Docket No. 14-035-114:

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