

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's  
Semi-Annual Demand-Side Management  
(DSM) Forecast Reports

DOCKET NO. 15-035-48

ORDER

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ISSUED: August 3, 2015

On June 15, 2015, PacifiCorp, dba Rocky Mountain Power ("PacifiCorp") filed its Utah Demand Side Management ("DSM") Balancing Account Analysis and associated Attachment A ("Report"). The Report contains PacifiCorp's historical monthly Electric Service Schedule No. 193, Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment balancing account ("Schedule 193") expenditures, rate recovery, and account balances for the period January 2013 through May 2015, along with the projections for the period June 2015 through December 2016. The Report includes total historical DSM expenditures by program and projected monthly DSM expenditures and bill credits by program for the period June 2015 through December 2016. The Report is filed pursuant to the Commission's August 25, 2009, Order in Docket No. 09-035-T08<sup>1</sup> ("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 June 15, 2015, the Commission issued an action request to the Division of Public Utilities ("Division") to evaluate the Report. On June 23, 2015, the Commission issued a notice of filing and comment period with parties' comments and reply comments due to the Commission by July 15, 2015 and July 30, 2015, respectively. On July 15, 2015, the Division and the Office of Consumer Services ("Office") filed comments.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The Report shows an under-collected Schedule 193 account balance of approximately \$18.6 million as of May 2015 and a projected under-collected balance of \$13.2 million by December 2015. PacifiCorp states it will confer with the DSM Steering Committee to address the under-collection issue and notes its intention to propose an increase in the Schedule 193 surcharge rate to reduce the under-collected balance, pursuant to its proposal to pursue a second step rate increase, as presented in Docket No. 14-035-T14.<sup>2</sup>

The Division notes the projected under-collected December 2015 balance of \$13.2 million in the Schedule 193 account and points out the under-collected balance has not decreased as anticipated with the last rate change implemented on January 29, 2015. The Division also references PacifiCorp's intention to implement its proposed second step 3.94 increase to the Schedule 193 surcharge rate in January 2016, as outlined in Docket No. 14-035-T14. In spite of this proposed increase, the Division notes that PacifiCorp forecasts a Schedule 193 account under-collected balance of \$5.7 million in December 2016. The Division states it will continue to monitor the Schedule 193 account balance and intends to provide input on PacifiCorp's proposed second step increase toward the end of 2015. Based on its review, the Division concludes the Report complies with the 2009 Order and recommends the Commission acknowledge the Report.

The Office recommends the Commission acknowledge the Report forecast. The Office notes the recent changes to the Small Business Lighting measure in the Non-Residential Energy

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<sup>2</sup> See *In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 193, Demand Side Management (DSM) Cost Adjustment*, Docket No. 14-035-T14.

Efficiency program addressed in Docket No. 15-035-T04<sup>3</sup> are captured by the Report's forecast. The Report forecast also demonstrates, according to the Office, that carrying charges associated with the Schedule 193 account will continue to be a significant cost to ratepayers. The Office states it will evaluate the Schedule 193 surcharge rate and will monitor costs associated with carrying charges in its review of future DSM proposals put forward by PacifiCorp.

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:
  - 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 concur with the Division's conclusion that the Report complies with our 2009 Order and the required components listed for semi-annual reports, as indicated in item 1 above. We therefore acknowledge the Report as filed. We note the Division's and the Office's observations regarding PacifiCorp's forecast of the Schedule 193 account balance and support their monitoring efforts including the review of Schedule 193 account carrying charges.

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<sup>3</sup> See *In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 140, Non-Residential Energy Efficiency*, Docket No. 15-035-T04.

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We acknowledge PacifiCorp's Utah Demand Side Management Balancing Account Analysis complies with our reporting requirements.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2015.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
Commission Secretary  
DW#267897

Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15 of the Utah Code, an aggrieved party may request agency review or rehearing of this written Order by filing a written request with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of this 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 does not grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of the request, 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 §§ 63G-4-401 and 63G-4-403 of the Utah Code and Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2015, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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