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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
Artie Power, Energy Section Manager
Charles Peterson, Utility Consultant

Date: August 5, 2015

Re: Docket No. 15-035-68, Rocky Mountain Power Notice Pursuant to *Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-502(2)(e)* and/or *-502(6)(b)* (Possible acquisition of renewable resources).

RECOMMENDATION (No Action)

In a letter dated July 31, 2015, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power (Company) filed a “Notice Pursuant to *Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-502(2)(e)* and/or *-502(6)(b)*” wherein the Company indicated that it would likely acquire at least two renewable resources during 2016. On July 31, 2015, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting that the Division “review notice and make recommendations.” This memorandum is the Division’s response to the Commission’s Action Request.

As discussed below, the Division does not believe that the Commission needs to take any action in this docket regarding these prospective acquisitions.

DISCUSSION

In the above referenced correspondence, the Company indicates that it expects to acquire two renewable resources in 2016. The first one mentioned is a small solar project of two megawatts,

or less, to be acquired pursuant to ORS 757.370, the Oregon Photovoltaic Capacity Standard. Under the current interstate allocation system, the Division believes that this project should be considered situs property to Oregon and not treated as a system resource. Consequently there is nothing further for the Division or the Commission to do at this time. The Division will monitor the Company's energy balancing account and general rate case dockets to assure that this project is accounted for properly.

The second project would be acquired if the Commission approves the Company's solar subscription proposal, or similar substitute program to the Company's initial proposal, that is currently being reviewed in Docket No. 15-035-61. The Division will continue to participate in Docket No. 15-035-61 and will monitor any program that is approved in that docket in future rate cases or other future dockets as appropriate. The Division believes that there is nothing further to be done as a response to the above referenced correspondence.

CC: Bob Lively, RMP
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