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Bob Lively
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Re: In the Matter of the Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Major Event Exclusion for the Weather-Related Events that Occurred on December 14-15, 2015 – Major Event No. 39 Docket No. 16-035-02

Dear Mr. Lively:

The Commission reviewed the January 27, 2016 filing by PacifiCorp, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power, requesting Major Event exclusion for the weather-related events occurring on December 14-15, 2015. If the request is approved, PacifiCorp indicates it will exclude outage information for these events from its network performance reporting and from customer guarantee failure payments.

The Commission also reviewed the Division of Public Utilities' (Division) February 29, 2016 action request response detailing its investigation of these events. The Division determined the System Average Interruption Duration Index value for these events exceeded the threshold that defines a Major Event under the method adopted by the Commission in 2005 in Docket No. 98-2035-04. The Division concludes that these events were a Major Event and should be excluded from PacifiCorp's network performance reporting and that PacifiCorp's restoration effort for these events was adequate. The Division recommends the Commission approve PacifiCorp's application for a Major Event exclusion.

Based on the Commission's review of PacifiCorp's filing and the Division's recommendation, PacifiCorp's request for a Major Event exclusion for these events is approved.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary
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