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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

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

Date: September 8, 2016

Re: Docket No. 16-035-34, Rocky Mountain Power Notice Pursuant to *Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-502(6)(b)* (Possible acquisition of renewable resources).

RECOMMENDATION (No Action)

For reasons explained herein, the Division recommends that the Commission take no action in the above referenced docket.

ISSUE

In a letter dated August 9, 2016, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power (Company) filed a "Notice Pursuant to *Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-502(6)(b)*" wherein the Company indicated that it reasonably anticipates acquiring a two megawatt solar project in 2017. On August 10, 2016, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting that the Division "review [the] notice and make recommendations." This memorandum is the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

DISCUSSION

In the above referenced correspondence, the Company indicates that it expects to acquire a renewable resource in 2017 described as a small solar project of two megawatts or less. The

Company states that the renewable resource is being acquired pursuant to ORS 757.370, the Oregon Photovoltaic Capacity Standard.

On September 8, 2016, the Company filed a withdrawal of its notice in this matter, as it is no longer required to acquire the two megawatt solar project due to recently passed Oregon legislation. Oregon Senate Bill 1547 (the Oregon Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Plan), signed into law in March of 2016, terminated the Oregon Photovoltaic Capacity Standard (ORS 757.370). Therefore, the Company is no longer required to acquire a two megawatt solar project in Oregon in 2017.

The Company's withdrawal letter states that it does not anticipate acquiring any renewable resources at this time, but may acquire renewable resources in 2017 providing the right opportunity arises. The Division recommends no Commission action is required at this time.

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