

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Implement Programs Authorized by the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Act

DOCKET NO. 16-035-36  
ORDER ON PETITION FOR CLARIFICATION OF PHASE ONE REPORT AND ORDER

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ISSUED: January 31, 2017

On December 29, 2016, the Public Service Commission ("PSC") issued its Phase One Report and Order ("Order") on PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power's ("PacifiCorp") Application to Implement Programs Authorized by the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Act. On January 13, 2017, PacifiCorp filed a Petition for Clarification of the Order ("Petition"). The Petition seeks clarification and assurance that the Order authorizes PacifiCorp to capitalize and amortize annual demand side management ("DSM") expenditures and to apply a carrying charge to the unamortized balance. (Petition at 2.)

As the Petition references, the Order expressly found PacifiCorp's proposal to capitalize DSM costs to be consistent with the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Act (the "Act"), now codified, among other places, at Utah Code Ann. §§ 54-7-12.8, 54-20-101, *et seq.* The Order concluded PacifiCorp's cost capitalization proposal was "[i]n light of the Act's statutory mandates ... just, reasonable and in the public interest." (Order at 12.) However, in the Order's final ordering paragraphs, the PSC did not expressly call out its approval of DSM cost capitalization in its itemized approval of the various forms of relief PacifiCorp sought in Phase One of this docket.

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PacifiCorp's Petition asks the PSC to issue an order expressly authorizing PacifiCorp "to capitalize and amortize annual DSM expenditures over a ten year period and apply a carrying charge to the unamortized balance in accordance with the Act." (Petition at 2.)

No party has filed a response or objection to the Petition. Further, we conclude the Petition asks us to clarify relief in a way that is consistent with the Order, which is relief PacifiCorp is entitled to under Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12.8(2). Accordingly, the Petition is granted. PacifiCorp is authorized to capitalize and amortize annual DSM expenditures over a ten year period and to apply a carrying charge to the unamortized balance as specified in the Act.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, January 31, 2017.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/Jordan A. White, Commissioner

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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 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 January 31, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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