

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Electric Service Schedule No. 34, Renewable Energy Tariff	<u>DOCKET NO. 16-035-T09</u>  <u>ORDER</u>
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ISSUED: August 31, 2018

BACKGROUND

On August 1, 2018, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed with the Public Service Commission (PSC) its recommended changes to PacifiCorp's Electric Service Schedule No. 34, Renewable Energy Purchases for Qualified Customers – 5,000 kW and Over (Schedule 34). The DPU notes, pursuant to the August 11, 2016 Settlement Stipulation (Stipulation) approved by the PSC in this docket, the DPU is required to report to the PSC its recommended changes to Schedule 34, after consultation with the parties to the Stipulation.

DISCUSSION

The DPU recommends changes to the following sections of Schedule 34:

1. Monthly Bill: Modify language to allow PacifiCorp to more accurately and contemporaneously adjust administration fees to reflect costs, which the DPU believes may be high.
2. Conditions of Service, Paragraph 1.b: Eliminate reference to Schedule 38 for simplification (avoid the Schedule 38 process) and recognize Schedule 37 and Schedule 38 are now calculated using the same methods.
3. Conditions of Service, Paragraph 1.c.ii: Modify language for consistency with the change in the administrative fees in item 1 above.

4. Conditions of Service, Paragraph 1.f: Modify language to ensure the customer contract explains the consequences, if any, should the customer fail to meet the eligibility requirements for participation in Schedule 34.
5. Conditions of Service, Paragraph 2: Modify language to address ambiguities concerning rate calculation and the public interest standards used to evaluate the rates.

The DPU notes it has consulted with the parties to the Stipulation regarding its recommended changes to Schedule 34 and that no party opposes them.

On August 21, 2018, the Office of Consumer Services (OCS) filed comments supporting the changes identified in the DPU's filing as necessary and in the public interest. The OCS recommends the PSC approve the revised tariff sheets, with an effective date in early September, or as soon as practicable.

On August 23, 2018, PacifiCorp filed comments stating its support for the DPU's proposed changes and requesting PSC approval. PacifiCorp notes the changes provide greater clarity on expectations for PSC review of contracts submitted for approval under Schedule 34. Additionally, PacifiCorp asserts the revision to the language on administration fees provides flexibility for PacifiCorp to develop tailored administration of contracts and associated costs to each contract while ensuring the charges remain cost-based.

No other party filed comments.

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FINDINGS AND ORDER

Based on the PSC's review of the DPU's filing, the recommendations of the OCS and PacifiCorp, and the absence of opposition, we order PacifiCorp to file an updated Electric Service Schedule No. 34 consistent with this order, within 30 days.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 31, 2018.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
PSC Secretary  
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this written order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of the 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 PSC fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC'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 Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on August 31, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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