

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's  
Proposed Revisions to Schedule No. 193,  
Rate Adjustment

DOCKET NO. 16-035-T15  
ORDER APPROVING PROPOSED  
REVISIONS TO SCHEDULE NO. 193

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ISSUED: December 22, 2016

**SYNOPSIS**

The PSC approves PacifiCorp's request to decrease the Schedule No. 193 collection rate from 4.0 percent to 3.68 percent, effective January 1, 2017.

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**BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) to address the November 23, 2016 application of PacifiCorp, doing business in Utah as Rocky Mountain Power (PacifiCorp) for a proposed decrease to the Schedule No. 193 (DSM Surcharge) collection rate. PacifiCorp proposes to decrease the DSM Surcharge collection rate applied to customers from the current rate of 4.0 percent to 3.68 percent, effective January 1, 2017. At current rates, PacifiCorp anticipates the DSM Surcharge will collect approximately \$74.9 million during the twelve month period ending December 2017. With this filing PacifiCorp proposes to set collection rates at a level that will collect approximately \$68.6 million annually.

The PSC asked interested parties to file comments and reply comments.<sup>1</sup> On December 8 and 9, 2016, respectively, the Division of Public Utilities (Division) and the Office of Consumer Services (Office) filed comments supporting the proposed DSM Surcharge decrease. No one opposed. The comments of the parties are briefly summarized below.

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<sup>1</sup> See Notice of Filing and Comment Period, issued November 23, 2016.

**DISCUSSION, FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

**Parties' Positions**

**1. PacifiCorp**

According to PacifiCorp, the purpose of the filing is to propose a decrease to the DSM Surcharge collection. PacifiCorp represents that collections from this proposed adjustment align with forecast expenditures for 2017. The proposed adjustment takes into account the anticipated over-collected balance ending 2016. If approved, the DSM Surcharge collection rate will be decreased from 4.0 percent to 3.68 percent, effective January 1, 2017.

**2. The Division**

The Division explains that the purpose of PacifiCorp's filing is to adjust the DSM Surcharge rate to reflect the forecasted 2017 expenditures including any outstanding balance from 2016. Additionally, the Division explains that the average residential customer would see an annual decrease of \$2.93 or 0.3 percent if the proposed DSM Surcharge rate decrease takes effect. The Division recommends the PSC approve PacifiCorp's filing effective January 1, 2017.

**3. The Office**

The Office notes that a DSM steering Committee met to discuss the proposed reduction. Further, the Office notes the current combined surcharge rate of 4 percent is forecasted to result in an over-collection of over \$6 million by the end of 2017. According to the forecasts, the reduced rate should result in a near zero balance by the end of 2017. Therefore, the Office recommends that the PSC approve the proposed DSM Surcharge reduction.

**Findings and Conclusions**

Based on the PSC's review of the filing, the comments filed in the docket, and the lack of opposition, we find granting the proposed decrease to the DSM Surcharge is just and reasonable, and in the public interest.

**ORDER**

Pursuant to the foregoing discussion, findings and conclusions, we order:

1. PacifiCorp's Proposed Revisions to Schedule No. 193 are approved, effective January 1, 2017.
2. The tariff sheets filed in this docket are approved.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, December 22, 2016.

/s/ Melanie A. Reif  
Presiding Officer

Approved and confirmed December 22, 2016, as the Order of the Public Service  
Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
Commission Secretary  
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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 written 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 December 22, 2016, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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