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Data Request Response Center
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Re: *PacifiCorp's 2017 Integrated Resource Plan*; Docket No. 17-035-16

Dear Ms. Saba:

The Public Service Commission (“PSC”) reviewed the May 1, 2018 filing by PacifiCorp, dba Rocky Mountain Power (“PacifiCorp”), of its 2017 Integrated Resource Plan Update (“IRP Update”), later amended on May 7, 2018. The IRP Update includes an update on action plan items from the 2017 IRP. The PSC also reviewed the July 30, 2018 comments filed by the Division of Public Utilities (“DPU”), the National Parks Conservation Association (“NPCA”), Utah Clean Energy (“UCE”), and UCE/Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (“UCE/SWEEP”), and the September 10, 2018 reply comments filed by PacifiCorp.

The DPU, NPCA, UCE, and UCE/SWEEP provided comments on various aspects of the IRP Update including IRP process issues, model verification, coal unit evaluations and modeling assumptions, demand-side management resource selection and quantity, energy storage, intra-hour dispatch, hourly wholesale power price assumptions, private generation, and supply-side resource pricing. NPCA, UCE, and UCE/SWEEP also provided recommendations or requested certain actions of the PSC on these issues as they affect the development of the 2019 IRP.

The DPU recommends no action by the PSC at this time. The DPU states the IRP update is provided for informational purposes only and that according to Utah Administrative Code R746-430-1(3), the PSC is not required to acknowledge, accept, or issue an order pertaining to the action plan. The DPU believes that attention should be focused on the 2019 IRP process and on ensuring that future IRPs address the concerns expressed previously by the PSC.

In its reply comments, PacifiCorp addresses the parties’ issues by, among other things, identifying where certain IRP-related information is available, committing to continue studying

various topics during the 2019 IRP process, defending some of its assumptions and decisions, or explaining why certain recommendations are unreasonable. PacifiCorp committed to continue to support stakeholder participation throughout the 2019 IRP development process for the purpose of fostering constructive dialogue and to address parties' requests and recommendations where possible.

The PSC finds the parties' comments are informative and provide important feedback that will help ensure the development of the 2019 IRP is comprehensive and rigorous. Based on the DPU's recommendation, the PSC takes no action on the IRP Update informational filing. Like the DPU, the PSC concludes attention should be focused on the 2019 IRP process which is already well underway. The PSC also concludes that PacifiCorp's reply comments reasonably address parties' concerns and issues. Further, the PSC is encouraged by PacifiCorp's commitment to ensure a robust 2019 IRP development process by completing additional studies and actively supporting stakeholder participation throughout the process.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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