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Public Service Commission of Utah
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South
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Attn: Mr. Gary Widerburg
Commission Secretary

Re: Notice of Request for Approval of Solicitation Process

Dear Commissioners:

PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Rocky Mountain Power (“PacifiCorp”), hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of Utah (the “Commission”) of its intent to seek approval of a solicitation process under Part 2 of the Energy Resource Procurement Act, Utah Code Ann. Title 54, Chapter 17. PacifiCorp anticipates filing its application for approval of its request for proposals for new wind resources (“2017R RFP”) on June 16, 2017. PacifiCorp provides this 60 day notice to allow the Commission to promptly hire an independent evaluator to monitor the 2017R RFP as required by Utah Code Ann. §54-17-203.

The 2017R RFP will solicit bids for up to 1,270 MW of wind resources capable of interconnecting to, and/or delivering energy and capacity across, PacifiCorp’s transmission system in Wyoming. To ensure eligibility for the full value of federal production tax credits, the 2017R RFP will seek bids that can achieve commercial operation no later than December 31, 2020.

The 2017R RFP will permit qualified bidders to submit wind resource bids under a range of structures, including, power purchase agreements, asset purchase and sale agreements, and engineering, procurement and construction agreements for any projects where PacifiCorp has control of development rights.

The 2017R RFP will be used to identify and select wind resources capable of qualifying for the full value of federal production tax credits. Consistent with PacifiCorp’s 2017 Integrated Resource Plan filed with the Commission on April 4, 2017, winning bids from the 2017R RFP

are expected to deliver all-in economic benefits for customers when paired with the Company's plans to build a new 140-mile, 500 kV transmission line in Wyoming. PacifiCorp is initiating the 2017R RFP at this time to ensure that winning bids are selected with sufficient time to support development of the new 500 kV transmission line in Wyoming.

Please feel free to direct any inquiries regarding this matter to either Rick Link at (503) 813-7163 or myself at the number referenced above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Yvonne R. Hogle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "Y".

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Cc: Rick Link
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Notice was also sent to the following:

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