

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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| In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of Solicitation Process of Wind Resources | <u>DOCKET NO. 17-035-23</u><br><u>SCHEDULING ORDER, NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON REQUEST TO DEVIATE FROM R746-420-1, AND ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION TO EXCEED 60-DAY APPROVAL DEADLINE</u> |
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ISSUED: June 28, 2017

In accordance with the discussion at the scheduling conference held June 27, 2017, the parties agreed to the following schedule:

**SCHEDULE**

| ITEM   | DEADLINE/DATE/TIME/LOCATION    |
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| Soliciting utility's filing of data, information, and models necessary for IE, pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-420-1(2). | <b>Friday, July 28, 2017</b>   |
| Comments   | <b>Friday, August 4, 2017</b>  |
| Intervention   | <b>Friday, August 4, 2017</b>  |
| IE comments  | <b>Friday, August 11, 2017</b> |
| Reply comments of all parties, including Soliciting Utility  | <b>Friday, August 18, 2017</b> |
| Commission decision requested  | <b>Friday, August 25, 2017</b> |

**DISCOVERY**

Discovery turn-around times shall be best efforts throughout this proceeding. Parties shall serve copies of all filings on other parties by electronic mail at or before the time an electronic copy of the document is required to be filed with the Commission. In the event a document filed

with the Commission or produced in response to a discovery request cannot reasonably be transmitted by electronic mail, the party filing the document shall file an electronic copy of the document on CD (or, if an electronic copy is not available, a paper copy) with the Commission by hand delivery and shall serve an electronic copy of the document on CD (or, if an electronic copy is not available, a paper copy) on each applicable party by hand delivery if the party being served is in the same metropolitan area as the serving party, or by overnight courier if the party being served is located in a different metropolitan area from the serving party.

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON REQUEST TO DEVIATE FROM R746-420-1**

Utah Admin. Code R746-420-1 states: At the time of filing, or earlier if practicable, the Soliciting Utility shall provide to the Independent Evaluator, data, information and models necessary for the Independent Evaluator to analyze and verify the models. PacifiCorp, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power (PacifiCorp), the Soliciting Utility in this docket requested at the scheduling conference a waiver of this rule, and none of the parties in attendance objected. PacifiCorp explained its reason for requesting a waiver from our rules is due, in part, to the need to coordinate with the Independent Evaluator as to when he is available to accept the information required under R746-420-1.

Pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-100-15, the Commission may order deviation from a specified rule upon notice, opportunity to be heard and a showing that the rule imposes an undue hardship that outweighs the benefits of the rule. Accordingly, any party may comment on PacifiCorp's request to deviate from R746-420-1 on or before **5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 13, 2017**. If no written comments are received on or before **5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 13, 2017** in opposition to granting the requested deviation and explaining in detail why R746-100-15 should

not be applied in this circumstance, the request shall be deemed approved as of Friday, July 14, 2017.

**GRANT OF EXTENSION TO EXCEED 60-DAY APPROVAL DEADLINE**

Section 54-17-201 of the Utah Code provides, in relevant part:

Unless the commission determines that additional time to analyze a solicitation process is warranted and is in the public interest, within 60 days of the day on which the affected electrical utility files a request for approval of the solicitation process, the commission shall:

- (i) approve a proposed solicitation process;
- (ii) suggest modifications to a proposed solicitation process; or
- (iii) reject a proposed solicitation process.

Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-201(f)(i)-(iii). PacifiCorp filed its application on June 16, 2017 and subsequently requested at the scheduling conference a Commission decision deadline of August 25, 2017. The proposed schedule in this docket will exceed the Commission's 60-day deadline to issue its decision by approximately ten days. The parties present at the scheduling conference all agreed an extension is warranted. Given the relatively short extension requested, and considering it is supported by all those present at the scheduling conference, the Commission concludes a delay is warranted and in the public interest. Therefore, we grant an extension pursuant to our statutory authority to do so. *See id.*

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, June 28, 2017.

/s/ Melanie A. Reif  
Presiding Officer

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Approved and Confirmed June 28, 2017 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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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on June 28, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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