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Public Service Commission of Utah
Heber M. Wells Building, 4th Floor
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Attention: Gary Widerburg
Commission Secretary

**RE: In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of Solicitation Process for Wind Resources
Docket No. 17-035-23**

PacifiCorp, d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power (the “Company”), submits this letter to provide an update on the Company’s 2017 Renewables Resources Request For Proposals (“2017R RFP”) and to explain how the Company intends to address the suggested modification in the Public Service Commission’s September 22, 2017 Order Approving RFP with Suggested Modification (“Order”) by issuing a separate request for proposals for solar resources (“2017S RFP”).

Following Commission approval of the 2017R RFP, as provided in paragraph 1 in the Order, and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon on September 27, 2017, the Company issued the 2017R RFP on September 27, 2017. The Company has set a schedule for the 2017R RFP that will permit it to file the results of the 2017R RFP in supplemental testimony on January 16, 2018, consistent with the Scheduling Order in Docket No. 17-035-40.

The Company appreciates the Commission’s thoughtful deliberation and decision in the Order on the 2017R RFP. In order to act expeditiously to issue the 2017R RFP, the Company has not adopted the Commission’s suggested modification to expand the 2017R RFP to include solar resources. Instead, the Company is preparing to issue a separate solicitation for solar resources, the 2017S RFP, in November 2017. Bids in the 2017S RFP will be due in December 2017. The Company does not intend to submit benchmark resources into the 2017S RFP or seek pre-approval of the solicitation in Utah or Oregon. The Company intends to retain an independent evaluator with a scope of work consistent with the roles established in Utah and Oregon for approved RFPs.

In order to be able to address the concerns raised by the Commission in the Order, as well as the concerns in the Statement of Commissioner David R. Clark, the Company is establishing a schedule for the 2017S RFP that will allow the Company to: 1) evaluate how solar resource bids might impact the economic analysis of bids selected to the final shortlist in the 2017R RFP without delaying the schedule for the 2017R RFP or for the decision in Docket No. 17-035-40, and 2) proceed with procuring solar resource opportunities that could provide all-in economic benefits for customers. The Company anticipates that the supplemental testimony on January 16, 2018, in Docket No. 17-035-40 will include a quantification of how solar resource bids received through the 2017S RFP might impact the economic analysis of bids selected to the final shortlist through the 2017R RFP so that the Commission and parties to that proceeding will have an opportunity to

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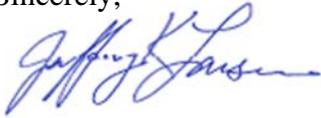
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review comparisons between wind and solar resource bids even though the wind and solar RFP's are separate. The Company will post additional information on our website as it's developed.

Informal inquiries may be directed to Bob Lively, Manager, Utah Regulatory Affairs at (801) 220-4052.

Sincerely,



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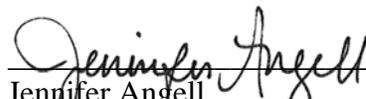
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