

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of a Significant Energy Resource Decision and Voluntary Request for Approval of Resource Decision	<u>DOCKET NO. 17-035-40</u>  <u>ORDER</u>
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ISSUED: August 1, 2022

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Rocky Mountain Power’s (RMP) April 29, 2022 filing of its New Wind and Transmission Report for Calendar Year 2021 (“2021 Report”). RMP submitted the 2021 Report in accordance with the PSC’s orders (collectively, the “Gateway W&T Reporting Orders”) issued in this docket on the following dates: (1) June 22, 2018, (2) October 22, 2018, and (3) July 21, 2021 (“Report Order”). The Gateway W&T Reporting Orders include certain reporting requirements pertaining to the new wind and transmission projects,<sup>1</sup> including the substance of the materials to be reported, formatting structure, granularity, and timing. The 2021 Report’s cover letter requested permission for RMP to change the filing deadline of all future annual reports from April 30 to May 25, with RMP’s next report due to be filed on May 25, 2023.

The PSC also reviewed comments the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed on June 30, 2022 (“DPU Comments”), and reply comments RMP filed on July 15, 2022.

DPU represents the structure of the 2021 Report complies with the reporting requirements of the Report Order and recommends acknowledgment with conditions. DPU states it supports RMP’s request to amend the EV2020 reporting schedule’s annual filing deadline. According to DPU, the FERC formula rate filings RMP relies on in preparation of the data used

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<sup>1</sup> Combined Projects were approved as part of RMP’s Energy Vision 2020 (EV2020), coincident with approval of its Wind Repowering projects in Docket No. 17-035-39.

in determining certain transmission costs and criteria (tabs (iv), (v), and (vii) of the 2021 Report) are not available until after May 15 of each year. Accordingly, DPU recommends approving RMP's request for the change in due date to allow actual, rather than estimated, data in future compliance reports.

DPU requested RMP provide additional explanation related to losses in both Realized PTC Benefits and Realized Energy Benefits. DPU also suggested RMP provide a detailed calculation of projected PTC benefits, including the assumed generation by project, PTC tax credit rate, tax gross-up factor, or any other information used in its calculation of Realized PTC Benefits. DPU also commented on the variation in RMP's comparison of the projected energy generation that RMP assumed in Docket No. 17-035-40 with the actual energy generation realized in 2021, and recommended the PSC require an explanation. DPU further recommended the PSC order RMP to file all supporting documentation when it files its CY 2022 report and subsequent reports, including all source materials needed to verify data contained therein in each successive report.

In reply, RMP provided Projected PTC Benefits by Project as recommended in the DPU Comments. RMP also requests permission to submit the Report in its current format, and refining the Report through ongoing discovery or informal discussions, rather than by PSC order. RMP recommends the PSC allow additional time to accommodate recommendations from any interested party.

Based on the PSC's review of the 2021 Report, the DPU's comments, and RMP's reply comments, the PSC acknowledges that the 2021 Report complies with relevant reporting requirements. The PSC supports as reasonable and efficient RMP's recommendation that RMP

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continue to refine the annual report through ongoing informal discovery or data requests. Additionally, for the reasons discussed in RMP's cover letter, and as supported by DPU's recommendation, we grant RMP's request to change the report's annual due date to May 25 of each year.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 1, 2022.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

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