

Investigation of Revenue Requirement Impacts of the New Federal Tax Legislation Titled: “An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution of the budget for fiscal year 2018”

DOCKET NO. 17-035-69

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR DEFERRED ACCOUNTING ORDER AND NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

ISSUED: February 28, 2018

**NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

The Public Service Commission’s (PSC) designated Presiding Officer will conduct a Scheduling Conference in this docket on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., Fourth Floor Room 401**, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Parties should come prepared to discuss a process and schedule for investigating the impact of and adjudicating rate effects associated with the recent change in the federal corporate tax rate on PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power’s (RMP) revenue requirement.

Individuals wishing to participate by telephone should contact the PSC two days in advance by calling (801) 530-6716 or (toll-free) 1-866-PSC-UTAH (1-866-772-8824) to receive a bridge number and participant passcode. Participants attending by telephone should then call the bridge number five minutes before the conference, entering the passcode followed by the # sign to ensure participation.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during any proceeding should notify the PSC at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530-6716, at least three working days prior to the conference.

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR DEFERRED ACCOUNTING TREATMENT**

On January 2, 2018, the Utah Association of Energy Users (UAE) filed a Motion for Orders for Deferred Accounting Treatment of Benefits Associated with 2018 Tax Reconciliation Act (Motion) in this docket.<sup>1</sup> The Division of Public Utilities (DPU) and Office of Consumer Services (OCS) each filed comments in support of the Motion on January 12, 2018, and the Utah Industrial Energy Consumers (UIEC) filed a memorandum supporting the Motion. Also, on January 12, 2018, RMP filed comments supportive of deferred accounting of the impacts associated with the recent, significant decrease in the federal corporate tax rate. On February 7, 2018, in response to the comment deadline set forth in our January 30, 2018 Amended Notice of Comment Period (Amended Notice), RMP filed comments proposing “a deferred liability account to record the revenue requirement impacts until the effective date of new rates set in a future general rate case, to ensure that customers receive the benefit of the Tax Reform Act.”<sup>2</sup> On February 23, 2018, pursuant to the reply comment deadline set forth in our Amended Notice, UAE, DPU, OCS, and UIEC filed reply comments; notably both OCS and UIEC requested the PSC set a scheduling conference in this docket.

The PSC concludes deferred accounting treatment is appropriate but the record is not sufficient, at this time, to make findings that quantify the impact of the tax reform on revenue requirement or to make conclusions as to the most appropriate mechanism for redressing any associated imbalance in customer rates.

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<sup>1</sup> UAE filed the Motion in this docket and also in Docket No. 17-057-26, which concerns Dominion Energy Utah. This Order addresses and grants the Motion only with respect to this docket.

<sup>2</sup> Comments of Rocky Mountain Power at 10, filed February 7, 2018.

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Therefore, the PSC grants the Motion for deferred accounting treatment and orders: RMP shall defer as a regulatory liability all revenue requirement impacts of the federal tax legislation referenced in the caption of this order, beginning on January 1, 2018 and continuing until otherwise ordered by the PSC. The PSC will consider the parties' respective positions concerning the duration of the deferred accounting treatment, the quantification of impacts on revenue requirement and any appropriate refund mechanisms in additional proceedings within this docket for which the PSC notices a scheduling conference above.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, February 28, 2018.

/s/ Melanie A. Reif  
Presiding Officer

Attest:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on February 28, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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