

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Rate Changes to Electric Service Schedule No. 37, Avoided Cost Purchases from Qualifying Facilities	<u>DOCKET NO. 12-035-T10</u>
In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Advice Filing, Schedule 37	<u>DOCKET NO. 17-035-T07</u> <u>ORDER PROVISIONALLY GRANTING EXTENSION</u>

ISSUED: April 27, 2017

BACKGROUND

On November 28, 2012, the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) issued a Clarification and Procedural Order (Order) in Docket No. 12-035-T10. The Order states, in pertinent part: *"The Company shall file future annual proposed rates for Schedule 37 within 30 days of filing its IRP or IRP Update or by April 30 of each year, whichever occurs first."*¹

On April 25, 2017, five days before its April 30th filing deadline, PacifiCorp, dba Rocky Mountain Power (PacifiCorp), filed a letter requesting an extension of its deadline to update Electric Service Schedule No. 37, Avoided Cost Purchases from Qualifying Facilities (Schedule 37). PacifiCorp explains it is requesting the extension to update its methodology for Schedule 37 avoided cost pricing consistent with the methodology used in Electric Service Schedule No. 38, Qualifying Facility Procedures. PacifiCorp does not state whether it attempted to discuss the

¹ *In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Rate Changes to Electric Service Schedule No. 37, Avoided Cost Purchases from Qualifying Facilities* (Clarification and Procedural Order at 7), issued November 28, 2012 (emphasis added).

requested extension with, or sought concurrence from, other interested parties or why it waited until April 25th to make the request.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSION

Regrettably, PacifiCorp's request does not afford the PSC adequate time to seek comment from interested parties by the April 30th deadline. Under these unusual circumstances, which notably do not involve a deadline established by statute or rule, we provisionally grant a 30-day extension, subject to any objection, including supporting reasons, filed by May 5, 2017. If any objection is filed we will issue further instructions regarding the extension.

ORDER

For the reasons expressed above, the Commission:

1. Extends provisionally the April 30th deadline to May 30, 2017; and
2. Permits any interested party to file an objection, including the supporting reasons, by May 5, 2017.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, April 27, 2017.

/s/ Melanie A. Reif
Presiding Officer

Approved and Confirmed April 27, 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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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15 of the Utah Code, an aggrieved party may request agency review or rehearing of this Order by filing a written request with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of this Order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC does not grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of the request, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a petition for review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any petition for review must comply with the requirements of §§ 63G-4-401 and 63G-4-403 of the Utah Code and Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on April 27, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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