#### - BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 193, Demand Side Management (DSM) Cost Adjustment

# DOCKET NO. 17-035-T10 ORDER

**ISSUED:** July 28, 2017

On July 14, 2017, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power ("PacifiCorp") filed Advice
No. 17-11, proposing tariff revisions to Schedule 193, Demand Side Management Cost
Adjustment ("Tariff Filing"). PacifiCorp proposes to temporarily suspend rates under the
schedule because, under current rates, its demand side management ("DSM") balancing account
is projected to be over collected by \$17 million as of December 2017 and over collected by \$28.9
million as of December 2018. PacifiCorp asks for expedited approval of its Tariff Filing with an
effective date of August 1, 2017. On July 20, 2017, the Public Service Commission ("PSC")
issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period, allowing any interested party to submit
comments on or before July 27, 2017.

PacifiCorp represents it anticipates a Schedule 193 rate of 3.58 percent effective

December 1, 2017 will align DSM expenditures with Schedule 193 revenue by December 2018.

PacifiCorp further represents it intends to make a subsequent filing coincident with its November

1st Deferred Account and Forecast Report ("November Report") to reinstate Schedule 193 rates

effective December 1, 2017. PacifiCorp acknowledges it may seek to reinstate at a different time

or at a rate other than 3.58 percent contingent on the results of its November Report.

On July 27, 2017, the Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") submitted comments and Utah Clean Energy and the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (collectively, "UCE") submitted joint

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comments. The DPU recommends the PSC approve the Tariff Filing because the suspension of Schedule 193 rates is needed to better align DSM expenditures and revenues for the 2017 and 2018 program years. UCE recommends the PSC approve suspension of Schedule 193 rates but order PacifiCorp to automatically reinstate Schedule 193 rates at 3.58 percent, effective December 1, 2017. UCE argues automatic reinstatement is appropriate because "it is preferable to re-start collection sooner rather than later to continue predictable collection and to avoid a potential under-collection scenario." UCE also asks the PSC direct PacifiCorp to include additional information in future requests to adjust the Schedule 193 surcharge, including an estimate of the capacity and energy savings targets expected in the forecast compared to the most recent Integrated Resource Plan and expenditure information required in the November Report.

Based on the Tariff Filing, the attached exhibits, and the parties' comments, we find suspension of Schedule 193 rates to be just, reasonable and in the public interest. The Tariff Filing and accompanying tariff sheets are approved as filed, effective August 1, 2017. We decline to order the automatic reinstatement of rates and expect PacifiCorp to act on its expressed intention to file a request to reinstate the surcharge contingent on the results of its November Report. We further decline to consider or impose additional reporting or filing requirements in this expedited tariff proceeding.

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

/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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