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Re: *Rocky Mountain Power's Demand-Side Management 2017 Annual Energy Efficiency and Peak Load Reduction Report; Docket No. 18-035-19*

Dear Ms. Saba:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed PacifiCorp's, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power (PacifiCorp), May 18, 2018 filing of its Demand-Side Management 2017 Annual Energy Efficiency and Peak Load Reduction Report (Report). The PSC also reviewed the June 18, 2018 comments filed by the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) and the Office of Consumer Services (OCS) and reply comments filed by PacifiCorp on July 3, 2018.

The DPU concludes the Report complies with the PSC's reporting requirements and recommends acknowledgement. The DPU observes that certain measures in each DSM program portfolio fail the benefit/cost ratio tests but removal of the failed measures removes the opportunity to provide some level of energy efficiency incentive to some ratepayer classes. The DPU also expresses concern about PacifiCorp relying on the DSM Program to meet load and peak reduction requirements when the program is having a difficult time achieving its targets. The DPU states it will monitor the programs and provide recommendations to the PSC in the future as needed.

The OCS recommends the PSC acknowledge the Report as satisfying the PSC's reporting requirements. The OCS also provides recommendations requesting additional information in annual reports going forward. Further, the OCS recommends PacifiCorp coordinate the timing of program evaluations to occur in advance of solicitation processes associated with the administration of the programs.

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In its reply comments, PacifiCorp accepts the OCS's recommendations for additional information to be included in future reports. Regarding the timing of the program evaluation and solicitation process, PacifiCorp explains that: 1) program evaluations are currently conducted every two years, rotating between residential and nonresidential programs, 2) program contracts are typically in place for 3-year terms with optional 2-year extensions; and 3) solicitation processes can begin anywhere from six to nine months prior to the expiration of a program contract. PacifiCorp maintains that under this structure it is not reasonably possible to adopt the OCS's recommendation.

The PSC accepts PacifiCorp's commitments to provide additional information in its future DSM reports. The PSC encourages PacifiCorp to solicit feedback from parties regarding the timing of the program evaluations and solicitations in the next DSM steering and advisory committee meetings.

Based on the PSC's review of the Report and the recommendations filed by the DPU and the OCS, the PSC acknowledges the Report as complying with the relevant reporting requirements.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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