

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Investigation into Extending and Expanding the Solar Incentive Program and Possible Development of an Ongoing Program	<u>DOCKET NO. 11-035-104</u>
In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Annual Report of the Results from the 2013 Program Year for the Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program Offered through Schedule 107	<u>DOCKET NO. 14-035-71</u>
Rocky Mountain Power's Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program (Schedule 107) 2018 Annual Report	<u>DOCKET NO. 18-035-24</u> <u>ORDER</u>

ISSUED: September 18, 2018

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On October 1, 2012, the Public Service Commission ("PSC") issued a Report and Order in Docket No. 11-035-104 ("October Order"), authorizing PacifiCorp to implement a solar incentive program ("USIP"). The October Order identified specific annual reporting requirements.¹ These reporting requirements were subsequently modified in Docket Nos. 14-035-71, 16-035-36, and 17-035-35.²

On June 1, 2018, in Docket No. 18-035-24, PacifiCorp filed its USIP 2018 Annual Report and on July 17, 2018, PacifiCorp filed reply comments including a proposal to modify its

¹ See *In the Matter of the Investigation into Extending and Expanding the Solar Incentive Program and Possible Development of an Ongoing Program* (Report and Order, dated October 1, 2012), Docket No. 11-035-104.

² See *In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Annual Report of the Results from the 2013 Program Year for the Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program Offered through Schedule 107* (Order, dated September 25, 2014), Docket No. 14-035-71; *In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Implement Programs Authorized by the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Act* (Phase One Report and Order, dated December 29, 2016), Docket No. 16-035-36; and *In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program (Schedule 107) 2017 Annual Report* (Correspondence from Gary L. Widerburg, dated July 31, 2017), Docket No. 17-035-35.

USIP reporting requirements. On July 25, 2018, the PSC issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period, allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit comments pertaining to PacifiCorp's proposed USIP reporting modifications no later than August 24, 2018, with PacifiCorp's response due no later than September 10, 2018. On August 21 and 22, 2018, the Office of Consumer Services ("OCS") and the Division of Public Utilities ("DPU"), respectively, filed responsive comments, and on September 10, 2018, PacifiCorp filed reply comments.

PACIFICORP'S USIP REPORTING PROPOSAL

PacifiCorp proposes to provide the following USIP information going forward, now that the USIP has ceased accepting new applications:³

- (1) Program totals for interconnected projects
- (2) Production meter data for large non-residential projects (Attachment B)
- (3) Program account summary (Table 15)
- (4) Projected expenditures by year
- (5) Renewable energy certificates (Table 16)

The DPU supports PacifiCorp's recommendation to change the USIP reporting requirements. The DPU maintains that the PSC's approval of the discontinuation of the USIP ended new participant entry and thus the need for several reporting requirements. The DPU recommends the PSC order PacifiCorp to continue to provide Attachment A, including Renewable Energy Certificate information, and one more year of "Surrendered Deposit" data so interested parties can reasonably conclude that no more projects are pending and only incentive payouts remain.

³ See Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12.8(4), which states: "On December 31, 2016, the [PSC] shall end the Utah solar incentive program and surcharge tariff and the large-scale electric utility shall stop accepting new applications for solar incentive program incentives." In addition, the PSC's Phase One Report and Order issued on December 29, 2016 in Docket No. 16-035-36 approved the discontinuance of the USIP program.

The OCS states that with the closing of the USIP, re-evaluating the reporting requirements is appropriate. The OCS concludes that if the information proposed by PacifiCorp is presented fully and clearly, it should be adequate to meet parties' needs. The OCS notes that with most reports it may be necessary to request further modifications once the information and presentation format in future reports has been reviewed. The OCS recommends the 2019 report continue to include Attachment A and a final table of 2016 surrendered deposits used to offset program administration costs.

In reply comments, PacifiCorp agrees to the DPU's and OCS's recommendations and supplemented its list of reporting requirements going forward to include the following two items:

- (6) List of interconnected projects and deemed RECs (Attachment A)
- (7) Summary and accounting of final surrendered deposits and final 2016 results (2019 Report only unless the information changes)

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND ORDER

We find the modifications to the USIP reporting requirements, as presented by PacifiCorp and supplemented with the recommendations of the DPU and OCS, reasonable given the USIP is now closed to new applications. Accordingly, we approve the requested reporting modifications as listed in PacifiCorp's September 10, 2018 reply comments.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, September 18, 2018.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC 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 September 18, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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