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Attention: Gary Widerburg
Commission Secretary

RE: **Docket No. 18-035-36—In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power, a Division of PacifiCorp, for Authority to Change its Depreciation Rates Effective January 1, 2021**

Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (“Rocky Mountain Power” or “Company”), applies to the Public Service Commission of Utah for an order authorizing the Company to change depreciation rates effective January 1, 2021. As requested by the Commission, Rocky Mountain Power is also providing seven (7) printed copies of the filing via overnight delivery.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority To Change its Depreciation Rates Effective January 1, 2021)	DOCKET NO. 18-035-36
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Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-4-24 and Rule 746-310-7 of the Utah Administrative Code, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (“Rocky Mountain Power” or the “Company”), hereby submits this application (“Application”) to the Public Service Commission of Utah (“Commission”) for an order authorizing the Company to change depreciation rates effective January 1, 2021, consistent with the Company’s Depreciation Study, described in more detail in testimony and exhibits supporting this Application and generally referenced below (“Depreciation Study”).

In support of this Application, Rocky Mountain Power states as follows:

1. Rocky Mountain Power is an electrical corporation and public utility operating in the state of Utah and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission with regard to its public utility operations. PacifiCorp has two retail electric service divisions, Rocky Mountain Power and Pacific Power. Rocky Mountain Power provides retail electric service in Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming, and Pacific Power provides retail electric service in California, Oregon, and Washington.

2. This Application is filed pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §54-4-24 and R746-310-7 of the Utah Administrative Code, which authorizes the Commission to prescribe the rates of depreciation to be used by any public utility subject to its jurisdiction.

3. Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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4. The Company last performed a depreciation study approximately five years ago. The Commission authorized the current Company depreciation rates in its Order Confirming Bench Ruling Approving Stipulation on Depreciation Rate Changes, issued November 7, 2013, with rates effective January 1, 2014, in Docket No. 13-035-02.

5. The Company has performed the updated Depreciation Study, attached to Company witness Mr. John J. Spanos's direct testimony as Exhibit RMP___(JJS-2). The Company requests authorization to implement the depreciation rates set forth in the Depreciation Study. The study identifies changes that have occurred since the Company's last depreciation study, measures the effect of the changes on the recovery of presently surviving capital, and revises the capital recovery rate. The application of the depreciation rates in the Depreciation Study would increase annual depreciation expense by approximately \$100.1 million on a Utah basis, based on projected plant balances as of December 31, 2020, and the inter-jurisdictional allocation methodology currently in effect (the 2017 Protocol approved in Docket Nos. 15-035-86 and 17-035-06). In addition, the proposed termination of excess reserve amortizations also increases the depreciation

expense by approximately \$28.0 million on a Utah basis. Combined, the proposed changes would increase depreciation expense by approximately \$128.1 million on a Utah basis. The Company proposes to record Depreciation Study recommendations on its books and records beginning with calendar year 2021. Rocky Mountain Power is not requesting as part of this filing that new depreciation rates approved in this docket be reflected in tariff prices at this time. Rather, the Company intends to include the impacts of the Depreciation Study in Utah rates as part of a future regulatory proceeding.

6. In support of this Application, the Company presents the direct testimony of Ms. Nikki L. Kobliha, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company. Ms. Kobliha supports and describes the development of the Depreciation Study, and describes significant issues related to steam generating facilities that were considered in the Depreciation Study.

7. The Company presents the direct testimony of Mr. John J. Spanos, Senior Vice President of Gannett Fleming, Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC. Mr. Spanos presents the Depreciation Study, describes how the Depreciation Study was prepared, presents the depreciation rates for which the Company is seeking Commission approval, and discusses the basis for the recommended changes in depreciation rates.

8. The Company presents the direct testimony of Mr. Steven R. McDougal, Director of Revenue Requirements. Mr. McDougal calculates the effect on annual depreciation expense allocated to Utah from applying the proposed depreciation rates to depreciable plant balances. He also describes the Company's recommendations on certain state specific issues, and responds to the reporting requirements from the 2013 depreciation study.

9. The Company presents the direct testimony of Mr. Chad A. Teply, Senior Vice President of Strategy and Development for Rocky Mountain Power. Mr. Teply describes the process used to evaluate the plant depreciable lives for steam and gas generating stations and the procedure used to estimate the retirement date for the Company's gas, wind, and hydroelectric generating resources. He also demonstrates that the estimated retirement dates proposed for the Company's generation plants are reasonable and appropriate for use in the Depreciation Study. Mr. Teply also explains why the rates proposed as terminal net salvage, or "decommissioning costs," in the calculation of depreciation rates for generating plants are reasonable and prudent.

10. Finally, the Company presents the direct testimony of Mr. Timothy J. Hemstreet, Director of Renewable Development for the Company. Mr. Hemstreet describes the Company's repowering wind facilities project and the process of determining an appropriate life for the repowered wind facilities. He also describes the methodology used to estimate the retirement date for the Company wind and hydroelectric generating resources.

11. For administrative and economic efficiencies, the Company strives to maintain uniform utility accounts, including depreciation rates, across its six state service territories. To maintain consistent depreciation rates across all states, the Company is also filing the Depreciation Study in Oregon, Wyoming, Idaho, and Washington. Maintaining consistent depreciation rates across all states avoids multiple sets of depreciation accounts and records that would impose a costly administrative burden on the Company and unnecessary expense for the Company's customers.

III. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

12. For the reasons described above and in the testimony and exhibits supporting this Application, Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order finding:

- a. The Depreciation Study recommendations regarding depreciation rates are proper and adequate depreciation rates for the Company;
- b. Adoption of the Depreciation Study's recommendations into Utah electric rates will result in fair and reasonable rates and accurately impose costs on those customers for whom such costs are incurred; and
- c. The Depreciation Study's recommended depreciation rates should be reflected in the Company's accounts and records beginning on January 1, 2021.

DATED this 11th day of September, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Direct Testimony of Nikki L. Kobliha

September 11, 2018

1 **Q. Please state your name, business address, and present position with PacifiCorp**
2 **d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power (the “Company”).**

3 A. My name is Nikki L. Kobliha. My business address is 825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite
4 1900, Portland, Oregon, 97232. My present position is Vice President, Chief Financial
5 Officer and Treasurer for PacifiCorp.

6 **QUALIFICATIONS**

7 **Q. Briefly describe your education and professional experience.**

8 A. I received a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting
9 from the University of Portland in 1994. I became a Certified Public Accountant in
10 1996. I joined the Company in 1997 and have taken on roles of increasing responsibility
11 before being appointed Chief Financial Officer in 2015. I am responsible for all aspects
12 of the Company’s finance, accounting, income tax, internal audit, Securities and
13 Exchange Commission reporting, treasury, credit risk management, pension and other
14 investment management activities.

15 **PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

16 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

17 A. My testimony:

- 18 • Summarizes the Company’s proposal for new depreciation rates and their effect on
19 annual depreciation expense. The proposed depreciation rates are based on
20 projected December 31, 2020 plant balances. The proposed depreciation rates are
21 contained in the “Depreciation Study – Calculated Annual Depreciation Accruals
22 Related to Electric Plant as of December 31, 2017” (the “Depreciation Study”),
23 which was performed on behalf of the Company by Mr. John J. Spanos of Gannett

24 Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC. The Depreciation Study is provided
25 as Exhibit RMP___(JJS- 2) to Mr. Spanos’s testimony.

- 26 • Provides a description of the development of the Depreciation Study and explains
27 why the depreciation rates resulting from the Depreciation Study are accurate and
28 reasonable.
- 29 • Identifies and discusses the main issues considered during the preparation of the
30 Depreciation Study. These issues were addressed in the data provided to Mr. Spanos
31 and, in turn, this data formed the basis for the Depreciation Study and the
32 recommended changes in depreciation rates.
- 33 • Introduces the other Company witnesses who will testify in this proceeding and
34 provides a brief description of their respective subject matter.
- 35 • Briefly summarizes the Company’s recommendations to the Public Service
36 Commission of Utah (“Commission”).

37 **RESULTS OF THE DEPRECIATION STUDY**

38 **Q. Please explain the depreciation rates for which the Company is seeking**
39 **Commission approval in this proceeding.**

40 A. The Company seeks Commission approval of the depreciation rates contained in the
41 Depreciation Study based on December 31, 2020 projected balances as shown in the
42 Appendix of the Depreciation Study provided in Exhibit RMP___(JJS-2) on page 1393
43 and as summarized in Mr. Spanos’s testimony.

44 **Q. Please explain how the depreciation rates were developed.**

45 A. The Company instructed Mr. Spanos to use December 31, 2017 historical data as the
46 basis for his depreciation life study analysis, which was then used to develop

47 depreciation rates based on projected December 31, 2020 balances. This process is
48 further described in Mr. Spanos's testimony. Projecting balances through December 31,
49 2020 aligns with the January 1, 2021 proposed effective date wherein all anticipated
50 plant additions have been considered when developing the depreciation rates. The
51 reasons for using a January 1, 2021 effective date are provided in Mr. Steven R.
52 McDougal's testimony.

53 **Q. How will the depreciation rates recommended by Mr. Spanos affect annual**
54 **depreciation expense?**

55 A. The Depreciation Study proposes to increase the current composite depreciation rate of
56 2.74 percent for the Company's electric utility plant by 0.8 percent system-wide,
57 resulting in a new composite depreciation rate of 3.54 percent as shown in
58 Mr. McDougal's Exhibit RMP___(SRM-1). Applying the recommended depreciation
59 rates to the projected December 31, 2020 depreciable plant balances increases total-
60 Company annual depreciation expense by approximately \$228.1 million, compared
61 with the level of annual depreciation expense developed by application of the currently
62 authorized depreciation rates to the same plant balances.

63 Adoption of the proposed depreciation rates increases annual Utah depreciation
64 expense by approximately \$100.1 million, based on projected December 31, 2020
65 depreciable plant balances. In addition, the Company has assumed the current excess
66 reserve amortizations stipulated in the 2013 depreciation study, Docket No. 13-035-02
67 ("2013 depreciation study") will be eliminated, as further described in Mr. McDougal's
68 testimony. Eliminating this excess reserve amortization increases Utah's jurisdictional
69 depreciation expense by \$28.0 million. The calculation of the Utah jurisdictional

70 amount under the 2017 Protocol allocation methodology is described in Mr.
71 McDougal's testimony.

72 **DEPRECIATION STUDY BACKGROUND**

73 **Q. Please explain the concept of depreciation.**

74 A. There are many definitions of depreciation. The following definition was offered by
75 the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in its Accounting Research
76 Bulletin #43:

77 Depreciation accounting is a system of accounting which aims to
78 distribute the cost or other basic value of tangible capital assets, less
79 salvage (if any), over the estimated useful life of the unit (which may
80 be a group of assets) in a systematic and rational manner. It is a process
81 of allocation, not of valuation.

82 The actual payment for an electric utility plant asset occurs in the period in
83 which it is acquired through purchase or construction. Depreciation accounting spreads
84 this cost over the useful life of the asset. The fundamental reason for recording
85 depreciation is to accurately measure a utility's operating costs. Capital investments in
86 the buildings, plant, and equipment necessary to provide electric service are essentially
87 a prepaid expense, and annual depreciation allocates that prepaid expense applicable to
88 each successive accounting period over the service life of the asset. Annual depreciation
89 is important and essential in informing investors and others of a company's periodic
90 income. If it is omitted or distorted, a company's periodic income statement is distorted
91 and would not meet required accounting and reporting standards.

92 **Q. Why is depreciation especially important to an electric utility?**

93 A. An electric utility's business is capital intensive; that is, it requires a continuous
94 investment in generation, transmission, and distribution equipment with long lives to

95 provide electric service to customers. The annual depreciation of this equipment is a
96 major component of expense to the utility. Regulated electric rates are set to allow the
97 utility the opportunity to fully recover its operating costs, earn a fair return on its
98 investment, and equitably distribute the cost of the assets to customers using the
99 facilities. If depreciation rates are established at an unreasonably low or high level for
100 ratemaking purposes, the utility will not recover its operating costs in the appropriate
101 period, which will shift either costs or benefits from current customers to future
102 customers.

103 **Q. Why was it necessary for the Company to conduct the Depreciation Study?**

104 A. It is prudent accounting practice to periodically update depreciation rates to recognize
105 additions to investment in plant assets and to reflect changes in asset characteristics,
106 technology, salvage, removal costs, life span estimates, and other factors that impact
107 depreciation rate calculations. The Company conducts depreciation studies as it deems
108 appropriate or as mandated by the Commission. The Company's last depreciation study
109 was conducted approximately five years ago. The Commission authorized the
110 Company's current depreciation rates in its Order Confirming Bench Ruling Approving
111 Stipulation on Depreciation Rate Changes, issued November 7, 2013, with rates
112 effective January 1, 2014. The Order required the Company to file a new depreciation
113 study by September 11, 2018.

114 **Q. Was the Depreciation Study prepared under your direction?**

115 A. Yes. As Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, I am responsible for the
116 Company's corporate accounting departments and for ensuring compliance with

117 Company accounting policies and procedures. This includes periodic review and study
118 of depreciation rates.

119 **Q. Do you believe that the estimated plant depreciable lives and depreciation rates**
120 **developed in the Depreciation Study result in a fair level of depreciation expense**
121 **for customers to reimburse the Company for its investment in electric utility plant**
122 **and equipment?**

123 A. Yes, I believe that the Depreciation Study is well supported by the underlying
124 engineering and accounting data, and that the resulting depreciation rates produce an
125 annual depreciation expense that is fair and reasonable for both financial reporting and
126 ratemaking purposes.

127 **Q. What is the basis for your conclusions about the Depreciation Study?**

128 A. A good depreciation study is the product of sound analytical procedures applied to
129 accurate, reliable accounting and engineering data. I have reviewed Mr. Spanos's work
130 in preparing the Depreciation Study, and I concur with his methodologies and
131 application of analytical procedures as described in his testimony. With respect to data
132 inputs, Mr. Spanos used the estimated economic lives for thermal generation plants
133 provided by the Company, as further explained in Mr. Chad A. Teply's testimony.
134 Mr. Spanos used the estimated economic lives for wind and hydro plant provided by
135 the Company, as further explained in Mr. Timothy J. Hemstreet's testimony.
136 Depreciable life estimates for other types of plant and equipment are based on
137 Mr. Spanos's actuarial analysis of the data and were reviewed for reasonableness by
138 the Company. The accounting data has also been carefully and consistently prepared.
139 I recommend approval of the rates contained in the Depreciation Study.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

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141 **Q. What are the steam generating facilities-related issues the Company considered in**
142 **the Depreciation Study?**

143 A. The Company considered:

- 144 • Recognizing the impact of incremental capital additions;
- 145 • Shortening of the terminal lives for several of the Company’s coal-fired units;
- 146 • Shifting group depreciation from a plant level to a unit level; and,
- 147 • Changing the method used to determine decommissioning costs for each steam
148 generating facility.

149 **Q. Explain the impact of capital additions to the Company’s steam generating**
150 **facilities.**

151 A. Additions to property, plant and equipment balances, more commonly referred to as
152 capital additions, are one of the primary drivers that increase depreciation expense.
153 Because the Company’s steam facilities have set terminal lives, incremental capital
154 additions have to be depreciated over a shorter remaining life. Further explanation of
155 the need for these additions is included in Mr. Teply’s testimony.

156 **Q. Is this a new issue for steam generating facilities?**

157 A. No. This issue was identified in previous studies where the Company proposed to
158 include projected capital additions in the development of depreciation rates to help
159 mitigate potential future depreciation increases. The Commission’s adoption of
160 depreciation rates arising out of those studies did not allow recognition of any capital
161 additions occurring after the implementation of those rates.

162 **Q. Did the Company consider extending the depreciation lives of the steam**
163 **generating facilities to mitigate the increase in depreciation expense?**

164 A. No. There is uncertainty regarding the period in which steam generating facilities will
165 be allowed to continue to operate due to existing, evolving or emerging environmental
166 regulations. Given this, the Company does not recommend extending the depreciation
167 lives of the steam generating facilities. Instead, the Company recommends retaining
168 61 years, as previously approved by the Commission, and in certain cases shortening
169 the depreciable terminal life of steam generating facilities.

170 **Q. For which steam generating facilities is the Company recommending to shorten**
171 **the terminal life?**

172 A. The Company is recommending shortening the terminal lives of the following steam
173 generation facilities: Cholla Unit 4, Colstrip Plant, Craig Plant and Jim Bridger Plant
174 Unit 1 and Unit 2, as further explained and discussed in Mr. Teply's testimony.

175 **Q. Describe the accounting treatment for the retirement of Naughton Unit 3.**

176 A. As referenced in Exhibit RMP___(CAT-1) of Mr. Teply's testimony, Naughton Unit 3
177 is projected to be retired in 2019, prior to the proposed January 1, 2021 implementation
178 date of this Depreciation Study. Consistent with the composite or group procedure of
179 depreciation¹ the Company applies to all facilities, the cost of the retired unit is included
180 in Naughton Plant's depreciation reserve.

181 **Q. Explain the change made to the Company's group method of depreciation for**
182 **steam generating facilities.**

183 A. In the 2013 depreciation study, depreciation for steam facilities were grouped by

¹ The group depreciation procedure is discussed in Part V of Exhibit RMP___(JJS-2) to Mr. Spanos' testimony.

184 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) account at a plant level, merging
185 all units within one facility into one common group. For this Depreciation Study, steam
186 facilities are grouped by FERC account at a unit level. This shift in methodology allows
187 the Company the flexibility to retire different units in different years.

188 **Q. Please explain the adjustment made to decommissioning costs for steam**
189 **generating facilities.**

190 A. In the 2013 depreciation study, the Company determined the decommissioning cost at
191 each facility by applying \$40 per kW. In this Depreciation Study, the Company has
192 provided plant-specific estimates of decommissioning costs, as further explained in Mr.
193 Teply’s testimony.

194 **Q. Has the Company changed any of the significant issues considered for**
195 **hydroelectric facilities lives in this Depreciation Study?**

196 A. No. The 2013 depreciation study based hydroelectric plant terminal lives primarily on
197 FERC hydroelectric plant license termination dates. For this Depreciation Study, the
198 Company continued to use the FERC hydroelectric plant license termination dates and
199 has updated those lives where new licenses have been issued or are estimated to be
200 reissued within the next five years.

201 **Q. Please discuss the other hydroelectric facilities-related issues you considered in**
202 **this Depreciation Study.**

203 A. The 2013 depreciation study included removal costs for hydroelectric facilities where
204 the Company has entered into negotiations or settlements to remove those facilities, as
205 well as a decommissioning reserve for minor hydroelectric facilities that may be
206 removed in the near future. The Company has updated the Depreciation Study to reflect

207 the current projection for small plants where the Company has estimated some
208 probability of their decommissioning in the near future. This reserve is not intended to
209 cover the decommissioning or removal of any large facility.

210 **Q. Please discuss the wind generation facilities-related issue in the Depreciation**
211 **Study.**

212 A. The Company will repower many of its wind generation facilities in 2019 and 2020.
213 The estimated balances in the Depreciation Study schedule for projected plant balances
214 as of December 31, 2020, reflect both the new investment in plant due to the
215 repowering, as well as the retirement of wind turbine equipment associated with the
216 repowered assets, with the retirement costs included in the depreciation reserve. The
217 treatment of retired wind turbine equipment included in the depreciation reserve is
218 consistent with the composite or group procedure of depreciation the Company applies
219 to all facilities. With the repowering of the wind generation facilities, the Company is
220 recommending extending the terminal lives of wind generation facilities to be 30 years
221 from the time of repowering, as discussed further in Mr. Hemstreet's testimony.

222 **Q. Please discuss the natural gas generation facilities-related issue in the**
223 **Depreciation Study.**

224 A. Since the 2013 depreciation study, the Company has continued to experience interim
225 retirements related to scheduled overhauls on its natural gas facilities. This interim
226 retirement experience has allowed the Company to provide Mr. Spanos with additional
227 historical retirement data to aid in his analysis and determination of interim retirement
228 patterns used in the calculation of the composite remaining lives. Changes to the

229 projected future interim retirements have contributed to an increase in depreciation
230 expense.

231 **Q. Were there any significant changes in the Depreciation Study related to**
232 **transmission, distribution, and general plant assets?**

233 A. No. The Company provided Mr. Spanos with the historical data for transmission,
234 distribution, and general plants assets including removal costs, salvage, and third-party
235 accommodation payments related to removal costs, to use in determining the proposed
236 depreciation lives and rates. There were no significant changes to the depreciation lives
237 and rates for these assets, outside of those which would normally result from updating
238 the study.

239 **Q. Are there any significant changes related to mining facilities in this study?**

240 A. Yes, the Utah mine has been removed from this Depreciation Study. Since the 2013
241 study, the Company's Deer Creek mine was closed and mine reclamation is underway.

242 **INTRODUCTION OF WITNESSES**

243 **Q. Who is testifying on behalf of the Company in support of the Company's**
244 **Application?**

245 A. Four other witnesses testify on behalf of the Company: Mr. John J. Spanos, Senior
246 Vice President of Gannett Fleming Valuation and rate Consultants, LLC.; Mr. Steven
247 R. McDougal, Director of Revenue Requirements; Mr. Chad A. Teply, Senior Vice
248 President of Strategy and Development; and Mr. Timothy J. Hemstreet, Director of
249 Renewable Energy Development.

250 Mr. Spanos presents the Depreciation Study and the depreciation rates for which
251 the Company is seeking Commission approval. He describes how the Depreciation

252 Study was prepared and discusses the basis for the recommended changes in
253 depreciation rates.

254 Mr. McDougal describes the jurisdictional allocation of the Depreciation Study
255 to Utah and how the new study complies with and responds to reporting requirements
256 from the 2013 depreciation study.

257 Mr. Teply describes the process used by Company's engineers to evaluate the
258 current approved plant depreciable lives for steam and natural gas generating facilities
259 and to estimate the retirement date for those generating facilities. Mr. Teply
260 demonstrates that the estimated retirement dates proposed by the Company for
261 generation plants are reasonable, prudent, and are appropriate inputs for Mr. Spanos's
262 depreciation analysis. Mr. Teply also explains why the amounts the Company proposes
263 to include as terminal net salvage, or "decommissioning costs," in the calculation of
264 depreciation rates for generating plants, are reasonable and prudent.

265 Mr. Hemstreet describes the Company's repowering project for its wind
266 facilities and the process of determining an appropriate life for the repowered wind
267 facilities. He also describes the procedure used to estimate the retirement date for the
268 Company's hydroelectric generating stations. He demonstrates that the estimated
269 retirement dates proposed by the Company for wind and hydroelectric generation plants
270 are reasonable, prudent, and are appropriate inputs for Mr. Spanos's depreciation
271 analysis.

272 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

273 **Q. Please summarize your recommendations to the Commission.**

274 A. I recommend that the Commission find that the depreciation rates sponsored by

275 Mr. Spanos in the Depreciation Study based on projected December 31, 2020 plant
276 balances are fair and reasonable depreciation rates for the Company. I further
277 recommend that the Commission approve the Company's request to implement these
278 depreciation rates in its accounts and records effective January 1, 2021.

279 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

280 **A. Yes.**

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF UTAH

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Direct Testimony of John J. Spanos

September 11, 2018

1 **Q. Please state your name, business address, and present position.**

2 A. My name is John J. Spanos. I am a Senior Vice President at Gannett Fleming Valuation
3 and Rate Consultants, LLC (“Gannett Fleming”). My business address is 207 Senate
4 Avenue, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011.

5 **Q. How long have you been associated with Gannett Fleming?**

6 A. I have been associated with the firm since college graduation in June 1986.

7 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying in this case?**

8 A. I am testifying on behalf of PacifiCorp d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power (the “Company”).

9 **QUALIFICATIONS**

10 **Q. Please state your qualifications.**

11 A. Please refer to Exhibit RMP___(JJS-1) for my qualifications.

12 **PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

13 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

14 A. I sponsor and support the depreciation study titled, “Depreciation Study – Calculated
15 Annual Depreciation Accruals Related to Electric Plant as of December 31, 2017” (the
16 “Depreciation Study”), performed for the Company, attached as Exhibit RMP___(JJS-
17 2). The Depreciation Study sets forth the calculated annual depreciation accrual rates
18 by account as of December 31, 2017. Based on the Depreciation Study, I recommend
19 approval of the depreciation rates using the projected December 31, 2020 plant and
20 reserve balances. The proposed rates appropriately reflect the rates at which the
21 Company’s assets should be depreciated over their useful lives and are based on the
22 most commonly used methods and procedures for determining depreciation rates.

23 **DEPRECIATION STUDY**

24 **Q. Please define the concept of depreciation.**

25 A. Depreciation refers to the loss in service value that is not restored by current
26 maintenance, incurred in connection with the consumption or prospective retirement of
27 utility plant in the course of service from causes which are known to be in current
28 operation, against which the Company is not protected by insurance. Among the causes
29 to consider are wear and tear, decay, action of the elements, inadequacy, obsolescence,
30 changes in the art, changes in demand, and the requirements of public authorities.

31 **Q. Did you prepare the Depreciation Study filed by the Company in this proceeding?**

32 A. Yes.

33 **Q. Are there guidelines in the preparation of depreciation studies?**

34 A. Yes. In preparing the Depreciation Study, I followed generally accepted practices in the
35 field of depreciation valuation.

36 **Q. How do the methods and procedures of this Depreciation Study compare to those
37 used historically?**

38 A. The methods and procedures of this study are the same as those used in past studies of
39 this Company as well as others before this Commission. Depreciation rates are
40 determined based on the average service life procedure and the remaining life method.

41 **Q. Please describe the contents of the Depreciation Study.**

42 A. The Depreciation Study includes nine parts. Part I, Introduction, presents the scope and
43 basis for the Depreciation Study. Part II, Estimation of Survivor Curves, describes the
44 methodology of estimating survivor curves. Parts III and IV set forth the analysis used
45 for determining service life and net salvage estimates. Part V, Calculation of Annual

46 and Accrued Depreciation, includes the concepts of depreciation and amortization
47 using the remaining life. Part VI, Results of Study, describes the results of my analysis
48 and a summary of the depreciation calculations. Parts VII, VIII, and IX include graphs
49 and tables that relate to the service life and net salvage analyses, and the detailed
50 depreciation calculations by account. The section beginning on page VIII-2 presents
51 the results of the salvage analysis. The section beginning on page IX-2 presents the
52 depreciation calculations related to surviving original cost as of December 31, 2017.

53 The table on pages VI-4 through VI-21 of the Depreciation Study presents the
54 estimated survivor curve, the net salvage percent, the original cost as of
55 December 31, 2017, the book depreciation reserve, and the calculated annual
56 depreciation accrual and rate for each account or sub-account. The section beginning
57 on page VII-2 presents the results of the retirement rate and simulated plant analyses
58 prepared as the historical bases for the service life estimates. Finally, the section in the
59 Appendix presents the recommended depreciation rates and parameters as of
60 December 31, 2020.

61 **Q. Please explain how you performed your Depreciation Study.**

62 A. I used the straight line remaining life method of depreciation, with the average service
63 life procedure. Under this methodology, the annual depreciation is determined by
64 distributing the unrecovered cost of fixed capital assets over the estimated remaining
65 useful life of each unit, or group of assets, in a systematic and reasonable manner.

66 **Q. In your analysis, how did you determine the recommended annual depreciation**
67 **accrual rates?**

68 A. I did this in two phases. First, I estimated the service life and net salvage characteristics

69 for each depreciable group, that is, each plant account or sub-account identified as
70 having similar characteristics. Second, I calculated the composite remaining lives and
71 annual depreciation accrual rates based on the service life and net salvage estimates
72 determined in the first phase.

73 **Q. Please describe the first phase of the Depreciation Study, in which you estimated**
74 **the service life and net salvage characteristics for each depreciable group.**

75 A. The service life and net salvage study consisted of compiling historical data from
76 records related to the Company's plant; analyzing these data to obtain historical trends
77 of survivor characteristics; obtaining supplementary information from management
78 and operating personnel concerning practices and plans as they relate to plant
79 operations; and interpreting the above data and the estimates used by other electric
80 utilities to form judgments of average service life and net salvage characteristics.

81 **Q. What historical data did you analyze to estimate service life characteristics?**

82 A. I analyzed the Company's accounting entries that recorded plant transactions during
83 the 1937 through 2017 period; however, the earliest year of data varied by account. The
84 transactions included additions, retirements, transfers, sales, and the related balances.

85 **Q. What method did you use to analyze the service life data?**

86 A. I used the retirement rate method for most plant accounts. This is the most appropriate
87 method when retirement data covering a long period of time is available because this
88 method determines the average rates of retirement actually experienced by the
89 Company during the period of time covered by the Depreciation Study.

90 **Q. Please describe how you used the retirement rate method to analyze the**
91 **Company's service life data.**

92 A. I applied the retirement rate analysis to each different group of property in the study.
93 For each property group, I used the retirement rate data to form a life table which, when
94 plotted, shows an original survivor curve for that property group. Each original survivor
95 curve represents the average survivor pattern experienced by the several vintage groups
96 during the experience band studied. The survivor patterns do not necessarily describe
97 the life characteristics of the property group; therefore, interpretation of the original
98 survivor curves is required in order to use them as valid considerations in estimating
99 service life. The Iowa-type survivor curves were used to perform these interpretations.

100 **Q. Did you use any other methods to analyze service life data?**

101 A. Yes. For most distribution assets in Utah and Idaho, the Company accounting records
102 do not include the vintage of each transaction. Therefore, I used the simulated plant
103 record method to determine life characteristics.

104 **Q. What are "Iowa-type survivor curves," and how did you use them to estimate the**
105 **service life characteristics for each property group?**

106 A. They are a widely-used group of survivor curves that contain the range of survivor
107 characteristics usually experienced by utilities and other industrial companies. The
108 Iowa curves were developed at the Iowa State College Engineering Experiment Station
109 through an extensive process of observing and classifying the ages at which various
110 types of property used by utilities and other industrial companies had been retired.

111 Iowa-type curves are used to smooth and extrapolate original survivor curves
112 determined by the retirement rate method. I used the Iowa curves and truncated Iowa

113 curves in this study to describe the forecasted rates of retirement based on the observed
114 rates of retirement and the outlook for future retirements.

115 The estimated survivor curve designations for each depreciable property group
116 indicates the average service life, the family within the Iowa system to which the
117 property group belongs, and the relative height of the mode. For example, the Iowa 60-
118 R2 indicates an average service life of sixty years; a right-moded, or R, type curve (the
119 mode occurs after average life for right-moded curves); and a relatively low height, 2,
120 for the mode (possible modes for R type curves range from 1 to 5).

121 **Q. What approach did you use to estimate the lives of significant facilities structures**
122 **such as production plants?**

123 A. I used the life span technique to estimate the lives of significant facilities for which
124 concurrent retirement of the entire facility is anticipated. In this technique, I describe
125 the survivor characteristics of such facilities by using interim survivor curves and
126 estimated probable retirement dates.

127 The interim survivor curves describe the rate of retirement related to the
128 replacement of elements of the facility. For example, for a building, the retirements of
129 its elements include plumbing, heating, doors, windows, roofs, etc., that occur during
130 the life of the facility. The probable retirement date provides the rate of final retirement
131 for each year of installation for the facility by truncating the interim survivor curve for
132 each installation year at its attained age at the date of probable retirement. The use of
133 interim survivor curves truncated at the date of probable retirement provides a
134 consistent method for estimating the lives of the several years of installation for a

135 particular facility inasmuch as a single concurrent retirement for all years of installation
136 will occur when it is retired.

137 **Q. Has your firm, Gannett Fleming, used this approach in other proceedings?**

138 A. Yes, we have used the life span technique in performing depreciation studies presented
139 to and accepted by many public utility commissions across the United States and
140 Canada. This technique was applied to develop the current depreciation rates being
141 used by the Company in the same manner recommended in this case.

142 **Q. What are “probable retirement years,” and what was your bases for estimating
143 them for each facility?**

144 A. Probable retirement years are life spans for each facility, and my estimates therefore
145 are based on the life assessment study, consideration of the age, use, size, nature of
146 construction, management outlook and typical life spans experienced and used by other
147 electric utilities for similar facilities, and judgment. Most of the life spans result in
148 probable retirement years that are many years in the future. As a result, the retirements
149 of these facilities are not yet subject to specific management plans. Such plans would
150 be premature. At the appropriate time, detailed studies of the economics of
151 rehabilitation and continued use or retirement of the structure will be performed and
152 the results incorporated in the estimation of the facility’s life span.

153 **Q. Have you physically observed the Company’s plant and equipment in
154 Depreciation Studies you’ve performed for the Company in the past?**

155 A. Yes. I made field reviews of the Company’s property as part of a past study in May and
156 June 2012 to observe representative portions of plant and equipment. I conduct field
157 reviews to become familiar with Company operations and understand the function of

158 the plant and information on the reasons for past retirements and the expected future
159 causes of retirements. I incorporated this knowledge as well as information from other
160 discussions with management in the interpretation and extrapolation of the statistical
161 analyses.

162 **Q. Please describe how you estimated net salvage percentages.**

163 A. I estimated the net salvage percentages by incorporating the historical data for the
164 period 1992 through 2017 and considered estimates for other electric companies. The
165 net salvage percentages are based on a combination of statistical analyses and informed
166 judgment. The statistical analyses consider the cost of removal and gross salvage ratios
167 to the associated retirements during the 26-year period. I also measured the trends of
168 these data based on three-year moving averages and the most recent five-year
169 indications.

170 **Q. Were the net salvage percentages for generation facilities based on the same**
171 **analyses?**

172 A. Yes, for the interim analyses. The net salvage percentages for generation facilities were
173 based on two components, the interim net salvage percentage and the final net salvage
174 percentage. The interim net salvage percentage is determined based on the historical
175 indications from the 1992–2017 period, of the cost of removal and gross salvage
176 amounts as a percentage of the associated plant retired. I determined the final net
177 salvage or dismantlement component based on the assets anticipated to be retired at the
178 concurrent date of final retirement.

179 **Q. Have you included a dismantlement component into the overall recovery of**
180 **generation facilities?**

181 A. Yes. A dismantlement component was included in the net salvage percentage for steam
182 and other production facilities. There is a separate decommissioning reserve for small
183 hydro facilities which are soon to be retired, as the dismantlement component for hydro
184 facilities in the study is zero.

185 **Q. Can you explain how the dismantlement component is included in the**
186 **Depreciation Study?**

187 A. Yes. The dismantlement component is part of the overall net salvage for each location
188 within the production assets. Based on studies for other utilities and the Company's
189 cost estimates, I determined that the dismantlement or decommissioning costs for steam
190 production and other production facilities is best calculated on a \$/KW factor based on
191 surviving plant at final retirement. These amounts at a location basis are added to the
192 interim net salvage percentage of the assets anticipated to be retired on an interim basis
193 to produce the weighted net salvage percentage for each location. The detailed
194 calculation for each location is set forth on pages VIII-2 through VIII-12 of
195 Exhibit RMP___(JJS-2).

196 **Q. Please describe the second phase of the process that you used in the Depreciation**
197 **Study in which you calculated composite remaining lives and annual depreciation**
198 **accrual rates.**

199 A. After estimating the service life and net salvage characteristics for each depreciable
200 property group, I calculated the annual depreciation accrual rates for each group, using

201 the straight line remaining life method, and using remaining lives weighted consistent
202 with the average service life procedure.

203 **Q. Please describe the straight line remaining life method of depreciation.**

204 A. The straight line remaining life method of depreciation allocates the original cost of the
205 property, less accumulated depreciation, less future net salvage, in equal amounts to
206 each year of remaining service life.

207 **Q. Please illustrate how the annual depreciation accrual rate for a particular group
208 of property is presented in your Depreciation Study.**

209 A. I will use Account 353, Station Equipment, as an example because it is one of the largest
210 depreciable mass accounts and represents approximately nine percent of depreciable
211 plant.

212 I used the retirement rate method to analyze the survivor characteristics of this
213 property group. I compiled aged plant accounting data from 1924 through 2017 and
214 analyzed it in periods that best represent the overall service life of this property. The
215 life tables for the 1924–2017 and 1988–2017 experience bands are presented on pages
216 VII-95 through VII-97 of the report. The life table displays the retirement and surviving
217 ratios of the aged plant data exposed to retirement by age interval. For example, page
218 VII-95 shows \$2,133,875 retired at age 0.5 with \$2,347,756,170 exposed to retirement.
219 Consequently, the retirement ratio is 0.0009 and the surviving ratio is 0.9991. These
220 life tables, or original survivor curves, are plotted along with the estimated smooth
221 survivor curve, the 58-S0 on page VII-94.

222 The net salvage percent is presented on pages VIII-49 and VIII-50. The
223 percentage is based on the result of annual gross salvage minus the cost to remove plant

224 assets as compared to the original cost of plant retired during the 1992 through 2017
225 period. The 26-year period experienced \$20,503,595 (\$8,621,261-\$29,124,856) in net
226 salvage for \$179,971,886 plant retired. The result is negative net salvage of eleven
227 percent ($\$20,503,595/\$179,971,886$). Although recent trends show more negative
228 indications, I determined that, based on industry ranges and Company expectations,
229 negative ten percent was the most appropriate estimate.

230 My calculation of the annual depreciation related to the original cost at
231 December 31, 2017, of electric plant is presented on pages IX-299 through IX-301. The
232 calculation is based on the 58-S0 survivor curve, ten percent negative net salvage, the
233 attained age, and the allocated book reserve. The tabulation sets forth the installation
234 year, the original cost, calculated accrued depreciation, allocated book reserve, future
235 accruals, remaining life and annual accrual. These totals are brought forward to the
236 table on page VI-18.

237 CONCLUSION

238 **Q. Please summarize the results of your Depreciation Study.**

239 A. The depreciation rates as of December 31, 2017 appropriately reflect the rates at which
240 the values of the Company's assets have been consumed over their useful lives to date.
241 These rates are based on the most commonly used methods and procedures for
242 determining depreciation rates. The life and salvage parameters are based on widely
243 used techniques and the depreciation rates are based on the average service life
244 procedure and remaining life method. Therefore, the depreciation rates set forth on
245 pages VI-4 through VI-21 of Exhibit RMP___(JJS-2) represent the calculated rates as
246 of December 31, 2017.

247 **Q. Does your Depreciation Study recommend new depreciation rates based on**
248 **December 31, 2020 plant and reserve balances?**

249 A. Yes. The depreciation accrual rates set forth in the Appendix to Exhibit
250 RMP___(JJS-2), which begins on page 1393, represent the rates most applicable in this
251 proceeding. These rates use all of the same methods and procedures described in the
252 Depreciation Study but apply the parameters to the projected December 31, 2020 plant
253 and reserve balances. The projected plant and book reserve balances as of December
254 31, 2020 properly established the most reasonable rate base when the rates will go into
255 effect. Thus, I recommend approval of the depreciation accrual rates in the Appendix
256 as being just and reasonable and in the public interest.

257 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

258 A. Yes.

Rocky Mountain Power
Exhibit RMP___(JJS-1)
Docket No. 18-035-36
Witness: John J. Spanos

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF UTAH

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of John J. Spanos

John Spanos Qualifications

September 11, 2018

JOHN SPANOS

DEPRECIATION EXPERIENCE

1 **Q. Please state your name.**

2 A. My name is John J. Spanos.

3 **Q. What is your educational background?**

4 A. I have Bachelor of Science degrees in Industrial Management and Mathematics from
5 Carnegie-Mellon University and a Master of Business Administration from York
6 College.

7 **Q. Do you belong to any professional societies?**

8 A. Yes. I am a member and past President of the Society of Depreciation Professionals
9 and a member of the American Gas Association/Edison Electric Institute Industry
10 Accounting Committee.

11 **Q. Do you hold any special certification as a depreciation expert?**

12 A. Yes. The Society of Depreciation Professionals has established national standards for
13 depreciation professionals. The Society administers an examination to become certified
14 in this field. I passed the certification exam in September 1997 and was recertified in
15 August 2003, February 2008 and January 2013.

16 **Q. Please outline your experience in the field of depreciation.**

17 A. In June 1986, I was employed by Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants,
18 Inc. as a Depreciation Analyst. During the period from June 1986 through December
19 1995, I helped prepare numerous depreciation and original cost studies for utility
20 companies in various industries. I helped perform depreciation studies for the following

21 telephone companies: United Telephone of Pennsylvania, United Telephone of New
22 Jersey, and Anchorage Telephone Utility. I helped perform depreciation studies for the
23 following companies in the railroad industry: Union Pacific Railroad, Burlington
24 Northern Railroad, and Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation.

25 I helped perform depreciation studies for the following organizations in the
26 electric utility industry: Chugach Electric Association, The Cincinnati Gas and Electric
27 Company (CG&E), The Union Light, Heat and Power Company (ULH&P), Northwest
28 Territories Power Corporation, and the City of Calgary – Electric System.

29 I helped perform depreciation studies for the following pipeline companies:
30 TransCanada Pipelines Limited, Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd.,
31 Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc., Nova Gas Transmission Limited, and Lakehead Pipeline
32 Company.

33 I helped perform depreciation studies for the following gas utility companies:
34 Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Columbia Gas of Maryland, The Peoples Natural Gas
35 Company, T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company, CG&E, ULH&P, Lawrenceburg Gas
36 Company, and Penn Fuel Gas, Inc.

37 I helped perform depreciation studies for the following water utility companies:
38 Indiana-American Water Company, Consumers Pennsylvania Water Company and
39 The York Water Company; and depreciation and original cost studies for Philadelphia
40 Suburban Water Company and Pennsylvania-American Water Company.

41 In each of the above studies, I assembled and analyzed historical and simulated
42 data, performed field reviews, developed preliminary estimates of service life and net
43 salvage, calculated annual depreciation, and prepared reports for submission to state

44 public utility commissions or federal regulatory agencies. I performed these studies
45 under the general direction of William M. Stout, P.E.

46 In January 1996, I was assigned to the position of Supervisor of Depreciation
47 Studies. In July 1999, I was promoted to the position of Manager, Depreciation and
48 Valuation Studies. In December 2000, I was promoted to the position as Vice President
49 of Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, Inc. and in April 2012, I was
50 promoted to my present position as Senior Vice President of the Valuation and Rate
51 Division of Gannett Fleming Inc. (now doing business as Gannett Fleming Valuation
52 and Rate Consultants, LLC). In my current position I am responsible for conducting all
53 depreciation, valuation and original cost studies, including the preparation of final
54 exhibits and responses to data requests for submission to the appropriate regulatory
55 bodies.

56 Since January 1996, I have conducted depreciation studies similar to those
57 previously listed including assignments for Pennsylvania-American Water Company;
58 Aqua Pennsylvania; Kentucky-American Water Company; Virginia-American Water
59 Company; Indiana-American Water Company; Iowa-American Water Company; New
60 Jersey-American Water Company; Hampton Water Works Company; Omaha Public
61 Power District; Enbridge Pipe Line Company; Inc.; Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.;
62 Virginia Natural Gas Company National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation – New
63 York and Pennsylvania Divisions; The City of Bethlehem – Bureau of Water; The City
64 of Coatesville Authority; The City of Lancaster – Bureau of Water; Peoples Energy
65 Corporation; The York Water Company; Public Service Company of Colorado;
66 Enbridge Pipelines; Enbridge Gas Distribution, Inc.; Reliant Energy-HLP;

67 Massachusetts-American Water Company; St. Louis County Water Company;
68 Missouri-American Water Company; Chugach Electric Association; Alliant Energy;
69 Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company; Nevada Power Company; Dominion Virginia
70 Power; NUI-Virginia Gas Companies; Pacific Gas & Electric Company; PSI Energy;
71 NUI - Elizabethtown Gas Company; Cinergy Corporation – CG&E; Cinergy
72 Corporation – ULH&P; Columbia Gas of Kentucky; South Carolina Electric & Gas
73 Company; Idaho Power Company; El Paso Electric Company; Aqua North Carolina;
74 Aqua Ohio; Aqua Texas, Inc.; Ameren Missouri; Central Hudson Gas & Electric;
75 Centennial Pipeline Company; CenterPoint Energy-Arkansas; CenterPoint Energy –
76 Oklahoma; CenterPoint Energy – Entex; CenterPoint Energy - Louisiana; NSTAR –
77 Boston Edison Company; Westar Energy, Inc.; United Water Pennsylvania; PPL
78 Electric Utilities; PPL Gas Utilities; Wisconsin Power & Light Company; TransAlaska
79 Pipeline; Avista Corporation; Northwest Natural Gas; Allegheny Energy Supply, Inc.;
80 Public Service Company of North Carolina; South Jersey Gas Company; Duquesne
81 Light Company; MidAmerican Energy Company; Laclede Gas; Duke Energy
82 Company; E.ON U.S. Services Inc.; Elkton Gas Services; Anchorage Water and
83 Wastewater Utility; Kansas City Power and Light; Duke Energy North Carolina; Duke
84 Energy South Carolina; Monongahela Power Company; Potomac Edison Company;
85 Duke Energy Ohio Gas; Duke Energy Kentucky; Duke Energy Indiana; Duke Energy
86 Progress; Northern Indiana Public Service Company; Tennessee-American Water
87 Company; Columbia Gas of Maryland; Bonneville Power Administration; NSTAR
88 Electric and Gas Company; EPCOR Distribution, Inc.; B. C. Gas Utility, Ltd; Entergy
89 Arkansas; Entergy Texas; Entergy Mississippi; Entergy Louisiana; Entergy Gulf States

90 Louisiana; the Borough of Hanover; Louisville Gas and Electric Company; Kentucky
91 Utilities Company; Madison Gas and Electric; Central Maine Power; PEPCO;
92 PacifiCorp; Minnesota Energy Resource Group; Jersey Central Power & Light
93 Company; Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company; United Water Arkansas;
94 Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; Green Mountain Power; Portland
95 General Electric Company; Atlantic City Electric; Nicor Gas Company; Black Hills
96 Power; Black Hills Colorado Gas; Black Hills Kansas Gas; Black Hills Service
97 Company; Black Hills Utility Holdings; Public Service Company of Oklahoma; City
98 of Dubois; Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company; North Shore Gas Company;
99 Connecticut Light and Power; New York State Electric and Gas Corporation; Rochester
100 Gas and Electric Corporation; Greater Missouri Operations; Tennessee Valley
101 Authority; Omaha Public Power District; Indianapolis Power & Light Company;
102 Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.; Metropolitan Edison; Pennsylvania Electric; West Penn
103 Power; Pennsylvania Power; PHI Service Company - Delmarva Power and Light;
104 Atmos Energy Corporation; Citizens Energy Group; PSE&G Company; Berkshire Gas
105 Company; Alabama Gas Corporation; Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC;
106 SUEZ Water; WEC Energy Group; Rocky Mountain Natural Gas, LLC; Illinois-
107 American Water Company; and Northern Illinois Gas Company.

108 My additional duties include determining final life and salvage estimates,
109 conducting field reviews, presenting recommended depreciation rates to management
110 for its consideration and supporting such rates before regulatory bodies.

111 **Q. Have you submitted testimony to any state utility commission on the subject of**
112 **utility plant depreciation?**

113 A. Yes. I have submitted testimony to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; the
114 Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission; the Public Utilities
115 Commission of Ohio; the Nevada Public Utility Commission; the Public Utilities Board
116 of New Jersey; the Missouri Public Service Commission; the Massachusetts
117 Department of Telecommunications and Energy; the Alberta Energy & Utility Board;
118 the Idaho Public Utility Commission; the Louisiana Public Service Commission; the
119 State Corporation Commission of Kansas; the Oklahoma Corporate Commission; the
120 Public Service Commission of South Carolina; Railroad Commission of Texas – Gas
121 Services Division; the New York Public Service Commission; Illinois Commerce
122 Commission; the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; the California Public
123 Utilities Commission; the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”); the
124 Arkansas Public Service Commission; the Public Utility Commission of Texas;
125 Maryland Public Service Commission; Washington Utilities and Transportation
126 Commission; the Tennessee Regulatory Commission; the Regulatory Commission of
127 Alaska; Minnesota Public Utility Commission; Utah Public Service Commission;
128 District of Columbia Public Service Commission; the Mississippi Public Service
129 Commission; Delaware Public Service Commission; Virginia State Corporation
130 Commission; Colorado Public Utility Commission; Oregon Public Utility
131 Commission; South Dakota Public Utilities Commission; Wisconsin Public Service
132 Commission; Wyoming Public Service Commission; Maine Public Utility
133 Commission; Iowa Utility Board; Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority;

134 New Mexico Public Regulation Commission; Commonwealth of Massachusetts
135 Department of Public Utilities; Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission; and the
136 North Carolina Utilities Commission.

137 **Q. Have you had any additional education relating to utility plant depreciation?**

138 A. Yes. I have completed the following courses conducted by Depreciation Programs, Inc.:
139 “Techniques of Life Analysis,” “Techniques of Salvage and Depreciation Analysis,”
140 “Forecasting Life and Salvage,” “Modeling and Life Analysis Using Simulation,” and
141 “Managing a Depreciation Study.” I have also completed the “Introduction to Public
142 Utility Accounting” program conducted by the American Gas Association.

143 **Q. Does this conclude your qualification statement?**

144 A. Yes.

LIST OF CASES IN WHICH JOHN J. SPANOS SUBMITTED TESTIMONY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Client Utility</u>	<u>Subject</u>
01.	PA PUC	R-00984375	City of Bethlehem – Bureau of Water	Original Cost and Depreciation
02.	PA PUC	R-00984567	City of Lancaster	Original Cost and Depreciation
03.	PA PUC	R-00994605	The York Water Company	Depreciation
04.	D.T.&E.	DTE 00-105	Massachusetts-American Water Company	Depreciation
05.	PA PUC	R-00016114	City of Lancaster	Original Cost and Depreciation
06.	PA PUC	R-00017236	The York Water Company	Depreciation
07.	PA PUC	R-00016339	Pennsylvania-American Water Company	Depreciation
08.	OH PUC	01-1228-GA-AIR	Cinergy Corp – Cincinnati Gas & Elect Co.	Depreciation
09.	KY PSC	2001-092	Cinergy Corp – Union Light, Heat & Power Co.	Depreciation
10.	PA PUC	R-00016750	Philadelphia Suburban Water Company	Depreciation
11.	KY PSC	2002-00145	Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Depreciation
12.	NJ BPU	GF02040245	NUI Corporation/Elizabethtown Gas Co.	Depreciation
13.	ID PUC	IPC-E-03-7	Idaho Power Company	Depreciation
14.	PA PUC	R-0027975	The York Water Company	Depreciation
15.	IN URC	R-0027975	Cinergy Corp – PSI Energy, Inc.	Depreciation
16.	PA PUC	R-00038304	Pennsylvania-American Water Co.	Depreciation
17.	MO PSC	WR-2003-0500	Missouri-American Water Co.	Depreciation
18.	FERC	ER-03-1274-000	NSTAR-Boston Edison Company	Depreciation
19.	NJ BPU	BPU 03080683	South Jersey Gas Company	Depreciation
20.	NV PUC	03-10001	Nevada Power Company	Depreciation
21.	LA PSC	U-27676	CenterPoint Energy – Arkla	Depreciation
22.	PA PUC	R-00038805	Pennsylvania Suburban Water Company	Depreciation
23.	AB En/Util Bd	1306821	EPCOR Distribution, Inc.	Depreciation
24.	PA PUC	R-00038168	National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp (PA)	Depreciation
25.	PA PUC	R-00049255	PPL Electric Utilities	Depreciation
26.	PA PUC	R-00049165	The York Water Company	Depreciation
27.	OK Corp Cm	PUC 200400187	CenterPoint Energy – Arkla	Depreciation
28.	OH PUC	04-680-El-AIR	Cinergy Corp. – Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
29.	RR Com of TX	GUD#	CenterPoint Energy – Entex Gas Services Div.	Depreciation
30.	NY PUC	04-G-1047	National Fuel Gas Distribution Gas (NY)	Depreciation
31.	AR PSC	04-121-U	CenterPoint Energy – Arkla	Depreciation
32.	IL CC	05-	North Shore Gas Company	Depreciation
33.	IL CC	05-	Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company	Depreciation

LIST OF CASES IN WHICH JOHN J. SPANOS SUBMITTED TESTIMONY, cont.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Client Utility</u>	<u>Subject</u>
34.	KY PSC	2005-00042	Union Light Heat & Power	Depreciation
35.	IL CC	05-0308	MidAmerican Energy Company	Depreciation
36.	MO PSC	GF-2005	Laclede Gas Company	Depreciation
37.	KS CC	05-WSEE-981-RTS	Westar Energy	Depreciation
38.	RR Com of TX	GUD #	CenterPoint Energy – Entex Gas Services Div.	Depreciation
39.	FERC		Cinergy Corporation	Accounting
40.	OK CC	PUD 200500151	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co.	Depreciation
41.	MA Dept Tele-com & Ergy	DTE 05-85	NSTAR	Depreciation
42.	NY PUC	05-E-934/05-G-0935	Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co.	Depreciation
43.	AK Reg Com	U-04-102	Chugach Electric Association	Depreciation
44.	CA PUC	A05-12-002	Pacific Gas & Electric	Depreciation
45.	PA PUC	R-00051030	Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.	Depreciation
46.	PA PUC	R-00051178	T.W. Phillips Gas and Oil Co.	Depreciation
47.	NC Util Cm.		Pub. Service Co. of North Carolina	Depreciation
48.	PA PUC	R-00051167	City of Lancaster	Depreciation
49.	PA PUC	R00061346	Duquesne Light Company	Depreciation
50.	PA PUC	R-00061322	The York Water Company	Depreciation
51.	PA PUC	R-00051298	PPL GAS Utilities	Depreciation
52.	PUC of TX	32093	CenterPoint Energy – Houston Electric	Depreciation
53.	KY PSC	2006-00172	Duke Energy Kentucky	Depreciation
54.	SC PSC		SCANA	
55.	AK Reg Com	U-06-6	Municipal Light and Power	Depreciation
56.	DE PSC	06-284	Delmarva Power and Light	Depreciation
57.	IN URC	IURC43081	Indiana American Water Company	Depreciation
58.	AK Reg Com	U-06-134	Chugach Electric Association	Depreciation
59.	MO PSC	WR-2007-0216	Missouri American Water Company	Depreciation
60.	FERC	ISO82, ETC. AL	TransAlaska Pipeline	Depreciation
61.	PA PUC	R-00061493	National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. (PA)	Depreciation
62.	NC Util Com.	E-7 SUB 828	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	Depreciation
63.	OH PSC	08-709-EL-AIR	Duke Energy Ohio Gas	Depreciation
64.	PA PUC	R-00072155	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	Depreciation

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65.	KY PSC	2007-00143	Kentucky American Water Company	Depreciation
66.	PA PUC	R-00072229	Pennsylvania American Water Company	Depreciation
67.	KY PSC	2007-0008	NiSource – Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Depreciation
68.	NY PSC	07-G-0141	National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp (NY)	Depreciation
69.	AK PSC	U-08-004	Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility	Depreciation
70.	TN Reg Auth	08-00039	Tennessee-American Water Company	Depreciation
71.	DE PSC	08-96	Artesian Water Company	Depreciation
72.	PA PUC	R-2008-2023067	The York Water Company	Depreciation
73.	KS CC	08-WSEE1-RTS	Westar Energy	Depreciation
74.	IN URC	43526	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	Depreciation
75.	IN URC	43501	Duke Energy Indiana	Depreciation
76.	MD PSC	9159	NiSource – Columbia Gas of Maryland	Depreciation
77.	KY PSC	2008-000251	Kentucky Utilities	Depreciation
78.	KY PSC	2008-000252	Louisville Gas & Electric	Depreciation
79.	PA PUC	2008-20322689	Pennsylvania American Water Co.-Wastewater	Depreciation
80.	NY PSC	08-E887/08-00888	Central Hudson	Depreciation
81.	WV TC	VE-080416/VG-8080417	Avista Corporation	Depreciation
82.	IL CC	ICC-09-166	Peoples Gas, Light and Coke Co.	Depreciation
83.	IL CC	ICC-09-167	North Shore Gas Company	Depreciation
84.	DC PSC	1076	Potomac Electric Power Company	Depreciation
85.	KY PSC	2009-00141	NiSource – Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Depreciation
86.	FERC	ER08-1056-002	Entergy Services	Depreciation
87.	PA PUC	R-2009-2097323	Pennsylvania American Water Co.	Depreciation
88.	NC Util Cm	E-7, Sub 090	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	Depreciation
89.	KY PSC	2009-00202	Duke Energy Kentucky	Depreciation
90.	VA St. CC	PUE-2009-00059	Aqua Virginia, Inc.	Depreciation
91.	PA PUC	2009-2132019	Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.	Depreciation
92.	MS PSC	09-	Entergy Mississippi	Depreciation
93.	AK PSC	09-08-U	Entergy Arkansas	Depreciation
94.	TX PUC	37744	Entergy Texas	Depreciation
95.	TX PUC	37690	El Paso Electric Company	Depreciation
96.	PA PUC	R-2009-2106908	The Borough of Hanover	Depreciation
97.	KS CC	10-KCPE-415-RTS	Kansas City Power & Light	Depreciation

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98.	PA PUC	R-2009-	United Water Pennsylvania	Depreciation
99.	OH PUC		Aqua Ohio Water Company	Depreciation
100.	WI PSC	3270-DU-103	Madison Gas & Electric Co.	Depreciation
101.	MO PSC	WR-2010	Missouri American Water Co.	Depreciation
102.	AK Reg Cm	U-09-097	Chugach Electric Association	Depreciation
103.	IN URC	43969	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	Depreciation
104.	WI PSC	6690-DU-104	Wisconsin Public Service Corp.	Depreciation
105.	PA PUC	R-2010-2161694	PPL Electric Utilities Corp.	Depreciation
106.	KY PSC	2010-00036	Kentucky American Water Company	Depreciation
107.	PA PUC	R-2009-2149262	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	Depreciation
108.	MO PSC	GR-2010-0171	Laclede Gas Company	Depreciation
109.	SC PSC	2009-489-E	South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.	Depreciation
110.	NJ BD OF PU	ER09080664	Atlantic City Electric	Depreciation
111.	VA St. CC	PUE-2010-00001	Virginia American Water Company	Depreciation
112.	PA PUC	R-2010-2157140	The York Water Company	Depreciation
113.	MO PSC	ER-2010-0356	Greater Missouri Operations Co.	Depreciation
114.	MO PSC	ER-2010-0355	Kansas City Power and Light	Depreciation
115.	PA PUC	R-2010-2167797	T.W. Phillips Gas and Oil Co.	Depreciation
116.	PSC SC	2009-489-E	SCANA – Electric	Depreciation
117.	PA PUC	R-2010-22010702	Peoples Natural Gas, LLC	Depreciation
118.	AK PSC	10-067-U	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co.	Depreciation
119.	IN URC		Northern Indiana Public Serv. Co. - NIFL	Depreciation
120.	IN URC		Northern Indiana Public Serv. Co. - Kokomo	Depreciation
121.	PA PUC	R-2010-2166212	Pennsylvania American Water Co - WW	Depreciation
122.	NC Util Cn.	W-218,SUB310	Aqua North Carolina, Inc.	Depreciation
123.	OH PUC	11-4161-WS-AIR	Ohio American Water Company	Depreciation
124.	MS PSC	EC-123-0082-00	Entergy Mississippi	Depreciation
125.	CO PUC	11AL-387E	Black Hills Colorado	Depreciation
126.	PA PUC	R-2010-2215623	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	Depreciation
127.	PA PUC	R-2010-2179103	Lancaster, City of – Bureau of Water	Depreciation
128.	IN URC	43114 IGCC 4S	Duke Energy Indiana	Depreciation
129.	FERC	IS11-146-000	Enbridge Pipelines (Southern Lights)	Depreciation
130.	IL CC	11-0217	MidAmerican Energy Corporation	Depreciation
131.	OK CC	201100087	Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.	Depreciation

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132.	PA PUC	2011-2232243	Pennsylvania American Water Company	Depreciation
133.	FERC	2011-2232243	Carolina Gas Transmission	Depreciation
134.	WA UTC	UE-120436/UG-120437	Avista Corporation	Depreciation
135.	AK Reg Cm	U-12-009	Chugach Electric Association	Depreciation
136.	MA PUC	DPU 12-25	Columbia Gas of Massachusetts	Depreciation
137.	TX PUC	40094	El Paso Electric Company	Depreciation
138.	ID PUC	IPC-E-12	Idaho Power Company	Depreciation
139.	PA PUC	R-2012-2290597	PPL Electric Utilities	Depreciation
140.	PA PUC	R-2012-2311725	Hanover, Borough of – Bureau of Water	Depreciation
141.	KY PSC	2012-00222	Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
142.	KY PSC	2012-00221	Kentucky Utilities Company	Depreciation
143.	PA PUC	R-2012-2285985	Peoples Natural Gas Company	Depreciation
144.	DC PSC	Case 1087	Potomac Electric Power Company	Depreciation
145.	OH PSC	12-1682-EL-AIR	Duke Energy Ohio (Electric)	Depreciation
146.	OH PSC	12-1685-GA-AIR	Duke Energy Ohio (Gas)	Depreciation
147.	PA PUC	R-2012-2310366	Lancaster, City of – Sewer Fund	Depreciation
148.	PA PUC	R-2012-2321748	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	Depreciation
149.	FERC	ER-12-2681-000	ITC Holdings	Depreciation
150.	MO PSC	ER-2012-0174	Kansas City Power and Light	Depreciation
151.	MO PSC	ER-2012-0175	KCPL Greater Missouri Operations Co.	Depreciation
152.	MO PSC	GO-2012-0363	Laclede Gas Company	Depreciation
153.	MN PUC	G007,001/D-12-533	Integrus – MN Energy Resource Group	Depreciation
153.	TX PUC		Aqua Texas	Depreciation
155.	PA PUC	2012-2336379	York Water Company	Depreciation
156.	NJ BPU	ER12121071	PHI Service Co. – Atlantic City Electric	Depreciation
157.	KY PSC	2013-00167	Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Depreciation
158.	VA St CC	2013-00020	Virginia Electric and Power Co.	Depreciation
159.	IA Util Bd	2013-0004	MidAmerican Energy Corporation	Depreciation
160.	PA PUC	2013-2355276	Pennsylvania American Water Co.	Depreciation
161.	NY PSC	13-E-0030, 13-G-0031, 13-S-0032	Consolidated Edison of New York	Depreciation
162.	PA PUC	2013-2355886	Peoples TWP LLC	Depreciation
163.	TN Reg Auth	12-0504	Tennessee American Water	Depreciation
164.	ME PUC	2013-168	Central Maine Power Company	Depreciation

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165.	DC PSC	Case 1103	PHI Service Co. – PEPSCO	Depreciation
166.	WY PSC	2003-ER-13	Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Co.	Depreciation
167.	FERC	ER13- -0000	Kentucky Utilities	Depreciation
168.	FERC	ER13- -0000	MidAmerican Energy Company	Depreciation
169.	FERC	ER13- -0000	PPL Utilities	Depreciation
170.	PA PUC	R-2013-2372129	Duquesne Light Company	Depreciation
171.	NJ BPU	ER12111052	Jersey Central Power and Light Co.	Depreciation
172.	PA PUC	R-2013-2390244	Bethlehem, City of – Bureau of Water	Depreciation
173.	OK CC	UM 1679	Oklahoma, Public Service Company of	Depreciation
174.	IL CC	13-0500	Nicor Gas Company	Depreciation
175.	WY PSC	20000-427-EA-13	PacifiCorp	Depreciation
176.	UT PSC	13-035-02	PacifiCorp	Depreciation
177.	OR PUC	UM 1647	PacifiCorp	Depreciation
178.	PA PUC	2013-2350509	Dubois, City of	Depreciation
179.	IL CC	14-0224	North Shore Gas Company	Depreciation
180.	FERC	ER14-	Duquesne Light Company	Depreciation
181.	SD PUC	EL14-026	Black Hills Power Company	Depreciation
182.	WY PSC	20002-91-ER-14	Black Hills Power Company	Depreciation
183.	PA PUC	2014-2428304	Hanover, Borough of – Municipal Water Works	Depreciation
184.	PA PUC	2014-2406274	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	Depreciation
185.	IL CC	14-0225	Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company	Depreciation
186.	MO PSC	ER-2014-0258	Ameren Missouri	Depreciation
187.	KS CC	14-BHCG-502-RTS	Black Hills Service Company	Depreciation
188.	KS CC	14-BHCG-502-RTS	Black Hills Utility Holdings	Depreciation
189.	KS CC	14-BHCG-502-RTS	Black Hills Kansas Gas	Depreciation
190.	PA PUC	2014-2418872	Lancaster, City of – Bureau of Water	Depreciation
191.	WV PSC	14-0701-E-D	First Energy – MonPower/PotomacEdison	Depreciation
192.	VA St CC	PUC-2014-00045	Aqua Virginia	Depreciation
193.	VA St CC	PUE-2013	Virginia American	Depreciation
194.	OK CC	PUD201400229	Oklahoma Gas and Electric	Depreciation
195.	OR PUC	UM1679	Portland General Electric	Depreciation
196.	IN URC	Cause No. 44576	Indianapolis Power & Light	Depreciation
197.	MA DPU	DPU. 14-150	NSTAR Gas	Depreciation
198.	CT PURA	14-05-06	Connecticut Light and Power	Depreciation

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199.	MO PSC	ER-2014-0370	Kansas City Power & Light	Depreciation
200.	KY PSC	2014-00371	Kentucky Utilities Company	Depreciation
201.	KY PSC	2014-00372	Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
202.	PA PUC	R-2015-2462723	United Water Pennsylvania Inc.	Depreciation
203.	PA PUC	R-2015-2468056	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	Depreciation
204.	NY PSC	15-E-0283/15-G-0284	New York State Electric and Gas Corporation	Depreciation
205.	NY PSC	15-E-0285/15-G-0286	Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation	Depreciation
206.	MO PSC	WR-2015-0301/SR-2015-0302	Missouri American Water Company	Depreciation
207.	OK CC	PUD 201500208	Oklahoma, Public Service Company of	Depreciation
208.	WV PSC	15-0676-W-42T	West Virginia American Water Company	Depreciation
209.	PA PUC	2015-2469275	PPL Electric Utilities	Depreciation
210.	IN URC	Cause No. 44688	Northern Indiana Public Service Company	Depreciation
211.	OH PSC	14-1929-EL-RDR	First Energy-Ohio Edison/Cleveland Electric/ Toledo Edison	Depreciation
212.	NM PRC	15-00127-JT	El Paso Electric	Depreciation
213.	TX PUC	PUC-44941; SOAH 473-15-5257	El Paso Electric	Depreciation
214.	WI PSC	3270-DU-104	Madison Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
215.	OK CC	PUD 201500273	Oklahoma Gas and Electric	Depreciation
216.	KY PSC	Doc. No. 2015-00418	Kentucky American Water Company	Depreciation
217.	NC UC	Doc. No. G-5, Sub 565	Public Service Company of North Carolina	Depreciation
218.	WA UTC	Docket UE-17	Puget Sound Energy	Depreciation
219.	NY PSC	Case No. 16-W-0130	Suez Water New York, Inc.	Depreciation
220.	MO PSC	ER-2016-0156	KCPL – Greater Missouri	Depreciation
221.	WI PSC		Wisconsin Public Service Commission	Depreciation
222.	KY PSC	Case No. 2016-00026	Kentucky Utilities Company	Depreciation
223.	KY PSC	Case No. 2016-00027	Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
224.	OH PUC	Case No. 16-0907-WW-AIR	Aqua Ohio	Depreciation
225.	MD PSC	Case 9417	Columbia Gas of Maryland	Depreciation
226.	KY PSC	2016-00162	Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Depreciation
227.	DE PSC	16-0649	Delmarva Power and Light Co. – Electric	Depreciation
228.	DE PSC	16-0650	Delmarva Power and Light Co. – Gas	Depreciation
229.	NY PSC	Case 16-G-0257	National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp – NY Div	Depreciation
230.	PA PUC	R-2016-2537349	Metropolitan Edison Company	Depreciation
231.	PA PUC	R-2016-2537352	Pennsylvania Electric Company	Depreciation

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232.	PA PUC	R-2016-2537355	Pennsylvania Power Company	Depreciation
233.	PA PUC	R-2016-2537359	West Penn Power Company	Depreciation
234.	PA PUC	R-2016-2529660	Columbia Gas of PA	Depreciation
235.	KY PSC	Case No. 2016-00063	Kentucky Utilities / Louisville Gas & Electric Co	Depreciation
236.	MO PSC	ER-2016-0285	KCPL Missouri	Depreciation
237.	AR PSC	16-052-U	Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co	Depreciation
238.	PSCW	6680-DU-104	Wisconsin Power and Light	Depreciation
239.	ID PUC	IPC-E-16-23	Idaho Power Company	Depreciation
240.	OR PUC	UM1801	Idaho Power Company	Depreciation
241.	ILL CC	16-	MidAmerican Energy Company	Depreciation
242.	KY PSC	Case No. 2016-00370	Kentucky Utilities Company	Depreciation
243.	KY PSC	Case No. 2016-00371	Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
244.	IN URC		Indianapolis Power & Light	Depreciation
245.	AL RC	U-16-081	Chugach Electric Association	Depreciation
246.	MA DPU	D.P.U. 17-05	NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company	Depreciation
247.	TX PUC	PUC-26831, SOAH 973-17-2686	El Paso Electric Company	Depreciation
248.	WA UT&C	UE-17033 and UG-170034	Puget Sound Energy	Depreciation
249.	OH PUC	Case No. 17-0032-EL-AIR	Duke Energy Ohio	Depreciation
250.	VA SCC	Case No. PUE-2016-00413	Virginia Natural Gas, Inc.	Depreciation
251.	OK CC	Case No. PUD201700151	Oklahoma, Public Service Company of	Depreciation
252.	MD PSC	Case No. 9447	Columbia Gas of Maryland	Depreciation
253.	NC UC	Docket No. E-2, Sub 1142	Duke Energy Progress	Depreciation
254.	VA SCC	Case No. PUR-2017-00090	Dominion Virginia Electric and Power Company	Depreciation
255.	FERC	ER17-1162	MidAmerican Energy Company	Depreciation
256.	PA PUC	R-2017-2595853	Pennsylvania American Water Company	Depreciation
257.	OR PUC	UM1809	Portland General Electric	Depreciation
258.	FERC	ER17-217	Jersey Central Power & Light	Depreciation
259.	FERC	ER17-211	Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC	Depreciation
260.	MN PUC	Docket No. G007/D-17-442	Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation	Depreciation
261.	IL CC	Docket No. 17-0124	Northern Illinois Gas Company	Depreciation
262.	OR PUC	UM1808	Northwest Natural Gas Company	Depreciation
263.	NY PSC	Case No. 17-W-0528	SUEZ Water Owego-Nichols	Depreciation
264.	MO PSC	GR-2017-0215	Laclede Gas Company	Depreciation

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266.	ILL CC	Docket No. 17-0337	Illinois-American Water Company	Depreciation
267.	FERC	Docket No. ER17-____	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	Depreciation
268.	IN URC	Cause No. 44988	Northern Indiana Public Service Company	Depreciation
269.	NJ BPU	BPU Docket No. WR17090985	New Jersey American Water Company, Inc.	Depreciation
270.	RI PUC	Docket No. 4800	SUEZ Water Rhode Island	Depreciation
271.	OK CC	Cause No. PUD 201700496	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company	Depreciation
272.	NJ BPU	ER18010029 & GR18010030	Public Service Electric and Gas Company	Depreciation
273.	NC Util Com.	Docket No. E-7, SUB 1146	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	Depreciation
274.	KY PSC	Case No. 2017-00321	Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.	Depreciation
275.	MA DPU	D.P.U. 18-40	Berkshire Gas Company	Depreciation
276.	IN IURC	Cause No. 44992	Indiana-American Water Company, Inc.	Depreciation
277.	IN IURC	Cause No. 45029	Indianapolis Power and Light	Depreciation
278.	NC Util Com.	Docket No. W-218, Sub 497	Aqua North Carolina, Inc.	Depreciation
279.	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2018-2647577	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Depreciation
280.	OR PUC	Docket UM 1933	Avista Corporation	Depreciation
281.	WA UTC	Docket No. UE-108167	Avista Corporation	Depreciation
282.	ID PUC	AVU-E-18-03, AVU-G-18-02	Avista Corporation	Depreciation
283.	IN URC	Cause No. 45039	Citizens Energy Group	Depreciation
284.	FERC	Docket No. ER18-	Duke Energy Progress	Depreciation
285.	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2018-	Duquesne Light Company	Depreciation
286.	MD PSC	Case No. 948	Columbia Gas of Maryland	Depreciation
287.	MA DPU	D.P.U. 18-45	Columbia Gas of Massachusetts	Depreciation
288.	OH PUC	Case No. 18-0299-GA-ALT	Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio	Depreciation
289.	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2018-3000834	SUEZ Water Pennsylvania Inc.	Depreciation
290.	MD PSC	Case No.	Maryland-American Water Company	Depreciation
291.	PA PUC	Docket No. R-2018-3000019	The York Water Company	Depreciation

Rocky Mountain Power
Exhibit RMP___(JJS-2)
Docket No. 18-035-36
Witness: John J. Spanos

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF UTAH

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of John J. Spanos

Depreciation Study

September 11, 2018

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Docket No. 18-035-36
Witness: Steven R. McDougal

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Direct Testimony of Steven R. McDougal

September 11, 2018

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address with PacifiCorp dba Rocky**
2 **Mountain Power (“the Company”).**

3 A. My name is Steven R. McDougal, and my business address is 1407 W. North Temple,
4 Suite 330, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

5 **QUALIFICATIONS**

6 **Q. Please describe your education and professional background.**

7 A. I received a Master of Accountancy from Brigham Young University with an emphasis
8 in Management Advisory Services and a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting
9 from Brigham Young University. In addition to my formal education, I have also
10 attended various educational, professional, and electric industry-related seminars.
11 I have been employed with PacifiCorp and its predecessor, Utah Power and Light
12 Company, since 1983. My experience includes various positions with regulation,
13 finance, resource planning, and internal audit. My current position is the Director of
14 Revenue Requirements.

15 **Q. What are your current responsibilities with the Company?**

16 A. My primary responsibilities include overseeing the calculation and reporting of the
17 Company’s regulated earnings and revenue requirement, assuring that the
18 interjurisdictional cost allocation methodology is correctly applied, and explaining
19 those calculations to regulators in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates.

20 **Q. Have you testified in previous proceedings?**

21 A. Yes. I have provided testimony in many dockets before the Public Service Commission
22 of Utah (“Commission”). I have also provided testimony before the California, Idaho,
23 Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming public utility commissions.

24 **PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

25 **Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony?**

26 A. My testimony supports the Company’s request to implement depreciation rates from
27 the 2018 Depreciation Study presented in this docket (“Depreciation Study”).

28 Specifically, my testimony:

- 29 • Discusses the impact of the new depreciation rates and effective date on the
30 annual depreciation expense allocated to Utah and provides support for the
31 allocation of annual depreciation expense to Utah.
- 32 • Identifies and discusses state-specific items considered during the preparation
33 of the Depreciation Study.
- 34 • Responds to reporting requirements from the Company’s depreciation study
35 approved in Docket No. 13-035-02 (“2013 depreciation study”).

36 **ALLOCATION OF THE DEPRECIATION STUDY**

37 **Q. What is the Utah-allocated effect on annual depreciation expense if the
38 depreciation rates presented by Mr. John J. Spanos are adopted?**

39 A. The Company allocated the annual depreciation expense using the 2017 Protocol
40 allocation methodology that was approved in Docket No. 15-035-86 (the “2017
41 Protocol”). The adoption of the depreciation rates proposed in the Depreciation Study
42 increase depreciation expense by approximately \$100.1 million on a Utah basis. In
43 addition, ending the excess reserve amortizations increase depreciation expense by
44 \$28.0 million on a Utah basis. The calculation of the Utah allocated depreciation
45 increase is provided in attached Exhibit RMP___(SRM-1).

46 **Q. What does the Company propose as the effective date for implementing the new**
47 **depreciation rates?**

48 A. The Company's accounting system maintains depreciation rates on a calendar year
49 basis. Therefore, the Company proposes the new depreciation rates be made effective
50 January 1, 2021.

51 **Q. Does the 2017 Protocol allocation methodology expire before the proposed**
52 **implementation for the new depreciation rates?**

53 A. Yes. The 2017 Protocol is currently approved through December 31, 2019.

54 **Q. Why is the Company proposing an effective date of January 1, 2021, after the**
55 **current expiration of the 2017 Protocol allocation methodology?**

56 A. The Company is actively working with parties in its service territories to develop and
57 adopt a new allocation methodology commonly referred to as the Coal Life Evaluation
58 and Realignment Plan ("CLEAR"). Although the timing of a formal approval is
59 unknown, the Company believes an implementation date of January 1, 2021 would
60 allow adequate time to resolve and gain approval of the new allocation methodology.
61 Aligning the Depreciation Study with the anticipated approval of CLEAR would help
62 maintain customer rate stability.

63 **STATE-SPECIFIC ITEMS**

64 **Q. Please summarize the state-specific items you considered when preparing**
65 **Depreciation Study testimony.**

66 A. The primary state-specific issues I address in my Depreciation Study testimony are:
67 (1) the expedited excess depreciation reserve amortizations, (2) the regulatory
68 treatment of hydroelectric facilities on the Klamath River, and (3) the Company's

69 proposed treatment of the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (“STEP”)
70 regulatory liability.

71 **Q. The approved stipulation to the 2013 depreciation study included expedited excess**
72 **reserve amortizations. Please summarize the reasons those amortizations were**
73 **established.**

74 A. The primary reason excess reserves were established was to address the retirement of
75 assets occurring outside of projected expectations and changes in lives and net salvage
76 rates that had occurred. There were excess reserves for the Colstrip, Hunter, Gadsby
77 Units 1-3, and Blundell steam production units. There were additional excess reserves
78 for Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming distribution plant. Historically, any excess reserves are
79 returned over the remaining life of the assets; however, as part of the 2013 depreciation
80 study stipulation, parties agreed to expedite the return of these excess reserves over a
81 shorter period.

82 **Q. Over what period were the excess reserves to be returned to customers?**

83 A. The excess reserve amortizations were to occur over the period between the effective
84 date of the 2013 depreciation study and this filing.

85 **Q. What is the Company proposing for excess reserve amortizations?**

86 A. The Company proposes to end the excess reserve amortizations for Colstrip, Hunter,
87 Gadsby Units 1-3, and Blundell steam production units. The Company also proposes
88 to end the excess reserve amortizations in Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming for distribution
89 plant. This results in a \$4.9 million allocated impact for the elimination of the steam
90 excess reserve amortizations and a \$23.1 million impact for the elimination of the Utah

91 distribution excess reserve amortizations. These excess reserve amortizations are
92 provided in Exhibit RMP___(SRM-1).

93 **Q. Please explain why hydroelectric plants on the Klamath River are not included in**
94 **the Depreciation Study.**

95 A. In the 2013 depreciation study, the Klamath River hydro facilities were calculated to
96 be fully depreciated by December 31, 2019, before the proposed effective date of this
97 Depreciation Study; thus, they were not included in the Depreciation Study.

98 **Q. Does Utah assume different regulatory treatment of the Klamath facilities from**
99 **what was calculated as part of the 2013 depreciation study?**

100 A. Yes. In the Company's 2012 General Rate Case, Docket No. 11-035-200, stipulating
101 parties agreed that the Company would depreciate the Klamath River hydro facilities
102 through December 31, 2022. To effectuate this agreement, the Company makes a
103 regulatory adjustment to remove the incremental depreciation associated with the 2019
104 Klamath facilities' depreciable life in Utah results of operations and other appropriate
105 filings. The regulatory adjustment also removes Klamath relicensing costs and the
106 associated amortization expense and reserve. Utah's allocated share of Klamath
107 relicensing costs is included in a regulatory asset and amortized through December 31,
108 2022.

109 **Q. Will the Company continue to make this adjustment for regulatory filings made**
110 **in Utah?**

111 A. Yes, the Company will continue to recognize the stipulated life of Klamath through a
112 regulatory adjustment in the relevant filings in Utah.

113 **Q. Does the STEP pilot program include any deferral that could be used to help offset**
114 **the Utah-allocated share of depreciation expense as a result of the Depreciation**
115 **Study?**

116 A. Yes. The Company is currently deferring, on a monthly basis, to a regulatory liability
117 the difference between the amount the Company collects for demand-side management
118 programs (“DSM”) and the 10-year amortization expense of DSM, plus carrying
119 charges.

120 **Q. What is the estimated regulatory liability balance associated with STEP funds on**
121 **the proposed effective date of the Depreciation Study?**

122 A. The Company estimates, based on projected load, the STEP regulatory liability balance
123 will be approximately \$188.9 million as of January 1, 2021. A projection of the STEP
124 regulatory liability is provided as Exhibit RMP___(SRM-2).

125 **Q. Would the Company support using the STEP regulatory liability to offset**
126 **accelerated plant depreciation as part of this Depreciation Study?**

127 A. Yes, the Company supports working with parties to develop a strategy for using the
128 STEP regulatory liability to help offset any accelerated depreciation proposed as part
129 of the Depreciation Study. Possible options include Cholla Unit 4, Colstrip, Craig, and
130 Jim Bridger Units 1-2.

131 **2013 DEPRECIATION STUDY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

132 **Q. Are there any additional exhibits you will be sponsoring as part of your direct**
133 **testimony?**

134 A. Yes, Paragraph 28 of the Commission-approved stipulation from the 2013 depreciation
135 study stated:

136 *“the Company will provide a section in the next depreciation study, for*
137 *informational purposes only, listing the specific mining assets, reserve*
138 *balances, and respective lives owned by its Wyoming mining subsidiary.”*

139 This information is provided as Exhibit RMP___(SRM-3).

140 **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

141 **Q. Please summarize your recommendations to the Commission.**

142 A. I recommend that the Commission find that the depreciation rates presented by
143 Mr. Spanos in the Depreciation Study based on projected December 31, 2020 balances
144 are fair, just and reasonable depreciation rates. I further recommend that the
145 Commission approve the Company’s request to implement these depreciation rates in
146 its accounts and records effective January 1, 2021.

147 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

148 A. Yes.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

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Utah Allocated

September 11, 2018

Rocky Mountain Power
 Depreciation Rate Comparison - Plant Balances as of December 31, 2020

Description	AF	Plant-in-Service	Depreciation Rate		Total Company Depreciation			ALLOCATED UT
			EXISTING	PROPOSED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE	
Production Plant								
Steam Production	SG	7,224,199,492	3.40%	5.80%	245,923,367	419,112,432	173,189,065	75,344,448
Steam Production - Water Rights		35,638,063						
Hydro Production	SG	995,097,431	3.01%	3.06%	29,943,661	30,467,681	524,020	227,971
Other Production	SG	5,075,636,837	3.21%	4.02%	163,112,102	203,786,985	40,674,883	17,695,266
Other Production - Water Rights		32,709,325						
Total Production Plant		13,363,281,147						
Total Production Plant - Depreciable		13,294,933,760						
Transmission Plant								
	SG	7,375,554,755	1.77%	1.90%	130,435,713	139,796,277	9,360,564	4,072,235
Distribution Plant								
Distribution	CA	280,326,706	2.67%	2.70%	7,472,463	7,570,061	97,598	-
Distribution	OR	2,243,678,194	2.52%	2.57%	56,492,130	57,702,243	1,210,113	-
Distribution	WA	526,113,490	2.76%	2.74%	14,526,469	14,411,610	(114,859)	-
Distribution	WY	783,969,878	2.97%	2.79%	23,248,951	21,881,003	(1,367,948)	-
Distribution	UT	3,160,310,244	2.62%	2.63%	82,950,370	83,098,150	147,780	147,780
Distribution	ID	386,446,632	2.71%	2.63%	10,453,988	10,163,756	(290,232)	-
Total Distribution		7,380,845,143	2.64%	2.64%	195,144,371	194,826,823	(317,548)	147,780
General Plant - Vehicles *								
General Plant - Vehicles	CA	852,236	3.48%	8.63%	29,658	73,548	43,890	-
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	304,035	4.28%	8.63%	10,580	26,238	15,658	6,812
General Plant - Vehicles	ID	2,295,198	4.28%	8.73%	98,234	200,371	102,136	-
General Plant - Vehicles	OR	768,932	4.28%	8.73%	32,910	67,128	34,217	14,886
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	7,689,181	7.04%	6.43%	541,318	494,414	(46,904)	-
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	857,171	7.04%	6.43%	60,345	55,116	(5,229)	(2,275)
General Plant - Vehicles	SO	255,789	7.04%	6.43%	18,008	16,447	(1,560)	(673)
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	409,796	2.53%	3.82%	10,368	15,654	5,286	2,300
General Plant - Vehicles	SE	251,862	5.04%	8.92%	12,694	22,466	9,772	4,163
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	3,051,700	5.04%	8.92%	153,806	272,212	118,406	51,512
General Plant - Vehicles	SO	2,635,088	5.04%	8.92%	132,806	235,050	102,241	44,080
General Plant - Vehicles	UT	10,010,742	5.04%	8.92%	504,541	892,958	388,417	388,417
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	608,194	5.60%	2.90%	34,059	17,638	(16,421)	(7,144)
General Plant - Vehicles	WA	1,022,424	2.90%	5.60%	57,256	29,650	(27,605)	-
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	2,079,440	5.85%	8.78%	121,647	182,575	60,928	26,506
General Plant - Vehicles	WY	2,585,714	5.85%	8.78%	151,264	227,026	75,761	-
General Plant - Vehicles	SO	1,860,982	2.51%	6.23%	46,711	115,939	69,229	29,847
General Plant - Vehicles	CA	793,720	4.49%	5.31%	35,638	42,147	6,509	-
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	204,130	4.49%	5.31%	9,165	10,839	1,674	728
General Plant - Vehicles	ID	4,350,829	4.34%	5.19%	188,826	225,808	36,982	-
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	779,534	4.34%	5.19%	33,832	40,458	6,626	2,883
General Plant - Vehicles	OR	11,812,885	5.48%	5.51%	647,346	650,890	3,544	-
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	1,109,492	5.48%	5.51%	60,800	61,133	333	145
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	236,400	2.10%	3.50%	4,964	8,274	3,310	1,440
General Plant - Vehicles	SE	219,289	4.56%	6.38%	10,000	13,991	3,991	1,700
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	3,608,320	4.56%	6.38%	164,539	230,211	65,671	28,570
General Plant - Vehicles	SO	1,475,100	4.56%	6.38%	67,265	94,111	26,847	11,575
General Plant - Vehicles	UT	18,540,989	4.56%	6.38%	845,469	1,182,915	337,446	337,446
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	1,563,941	5.07%	3.43%	79,292	53,643	(25,649)	(11,158)
General Plant - Vehicles	WA	3,133,469	5.07%	3.43%	158,867	107,478	(51,389)	-
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	3,120,067	5.66%	6.86%	176,596	214,037	37,441	16,288
General Plant - Vehicles	WY	5,012,276	5.66%	6.86%	283,695	343,842	60,147	-
General Plant - Vehicles	CA	454,745	2.32%	2.68%	10,550	12,187	1,637	-
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	13,637	2.32%	2.68%	316	365	49	21
General Plant - Vehicles	SG	63,528	2.28%	2.44%	1,448	1,550	102	44

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Description	AF	Plant-in-Service	Depreciation Rate		Total Company Depreciation			DIFFERENCE	ALLOCATED UT
			EXISTING	PROPOSED	EXISTING	PROPOSED			
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 ID	1,481,990	2.28%	2.44%	33,789	36,161	2,371	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 OR	3,355,388	2.44%	2.72%	81,871	91,267	9,395	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 OR	153,214	2.44%	2.72%	3,738	4,167	429	187	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 OR	3,491	2.44%	2.72%	85	95	10	4	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 UT	43,182	1.91%	3.47%	825	1,498	674	287	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 UT	1,306,628	1.91%	3.47%	24,957	45,340	20,383	8,868	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 UT	1,517,293	1.91%	3.47%	28,980	52,650	23,670	10,205	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 UT	5,800,349	1.91%	3.47%	110,787	201,272	90,485	90,485	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 WA	83,243	2.38%	2.29%	1,981	1,906	(75)	(33)	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 WA	302,650	2.38%	2.29%	14,771	14,213	(559)	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 WY	592,972	2.68%	3.07%	15,892	18,204	2,313	1,006	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 WY	3,220,759	2.68%	3.07%	86,316	98,877	12,561	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	392.9 OT	6,433	2.18%	1.65%	140	106	(34)	(15)	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.3 CA	1,447,080	7.20%	12.21%	104,190	176,689	72,499	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.3 ID	94,951	7.67%	11.95%	7,283	11,347	4,064	1,768	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.3 OR	2,987,665	9.23%	11.95%	229,154	357,026	127,872	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.3 OR	12,083,235	9.23%	9.31%	1,115,283	1,124,949	9,667	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.3 UT	82,388	9.23%	9.31%	7,604	7,670	66	29	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.3 UT	110,980	8.10%	10.55%	8,989	11,708	2,719	1,183	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.3 UT	1,450,283	8.10%	10.55%	117,473	153,005	35,532	15,319	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.3 UT	14,569,513	8.10%	10.55%	1,180,131	1,537,084	356,953	356,953	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.3 WA	76,764	5.66%	9.49%	4,345	7,285	2,940	1,279	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.3 WA	2,348,544	5.66%	9.49%	132,928	222,877	89,949	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.3 WY	4,408,344	8.47%	14.89%	373,387	656,402	283,016	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 CA	2,265,611	4.98%	5.59%	112,827	126,648	13,820	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 ID	6,717,318	3.73%	5.39%	250,556	362,063	111,507	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 ID	1,069,121	3.73%	5.39%	39,878	57,626	17,747	7,721	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 OR	22,894,375	5.14%	5.20%	1,174,715	1,186,428	13,713	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 OR	1,524,457	5.14%	5.20%	78,357	79,272	915	398	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 OT	1,943,963	1.86%	2.66%	36,158	51,709	15,552	6,766	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 UT	382,959	5.36%	6.09%	20,527	23,322	2,796	1,191	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 UT	13,090,861	5.36%	6.09%	701,670	797,233	95,563	41,574	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 UT	3,825,432	5.36%	6.09%	205,043	232,969	27,926	12,040	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 UT	35,912,226	5.36%	6.09%	1,924,895	2,187,055	262,159	262,159	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 WA	465,312	6.03%	3.93%	28,058	18,287	(9,772)	(4,251)	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 WA	5,846,223	6.03%	3.93%	352,527	229,757	(122,771)	-	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 WY	24,392,855	4.86%	5.80%	1,185,493	1,414,786	229,293	99,752	
General Plant - Vehicles	396.7 WY	14,896,522	4.86%	5.80%	723,971	863,998	140,027	-	
Total General Plant - Vehicles*		287,063,409	5.33%	6.52%	15,314,391	18,703,259	3,388,868	1,862,988	

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Description	AF	Plant-in-Service	Depreciation Rate		Total Company Depreciation			ALLOCATED	
			EXISTING	PROPOSED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE	UT	UT
General Plant - All Other									
389.2 ID	ID	4,646	1.17%	1.70%	54	79	25	-	0
General Plant - All Other	SG	1,183	2.03%	2.05%	24	24	0	-	16
389.2 UT	UT	80,996	2.03%	2.05%	1,644	1,660	16	-	-
General Plant - All Other	WY	74,246	1.98%	1.88%	1,470	1,396	(74)	-	-
389.2 WY	CA	3,012,931	1.99%	1.99%	51,520	59,997	8,477	-	-
General Plant - All Other	SO	456,255	1.71%	1.99%	7,802	9,079	1,278	-	-
General Plant - All Other	SO	12,477,686	1.65%	1.84%	205,883	229,225	23,342	-	-
390 ID	ID	1,446,832	1.65%	1.84%	23,873	26,622	2,749	-	1,196
General Plant - All Other	SG	779,213	1.65%	1.84%	12,857	14,338	1,481	-	638
390 ID	OR	33,518,026	1.86%	2.08%	623,435	702,170	78,735	-	-
General Plant - All Other	OR	2,963,511	1.86%	2.08%	55,121	61,641	6,520	-	2,836
390 OR	SG	49,771,365	1.86%	2.08%	925,747	1,035,244	109,497	-	47,209
General Plant - All Other	SO	363,676	1.51%	1.76%	5,492	6,401	909	-	396
390 OT	SG	8,374,998	1.53%	2.55%	128,137	213,562	85,425	-	40,341
General Plant - All Other	CN	2,387,110	1.53%	2.55%	36,523	60,871	24,349	-	10,593
390 UT	SG	40,099,508	1.53%	2.55%	613,522	1,022,537	409,015	-	176,343
General Plant - All Other	SO	45,382,211	1.53%	2.55%	694,348	1,155,442	461,094	-	461,094
390 UT	UT	1,041,182	1.53%	2.55%	15,930	26,550	10,620	-	4,524
General Plant - All Other	SE	92,763	2.52%	2.08%	2,338	1,929	(408)	-	(178)
390 WA	SG	1,488,037	2.52%	2.08%	37,499	30,951	(6,547)	-	(2,823)
General Plant - All Other	WA	11,467,860	2.52%	2.08%	288,991	239,453	(49,538)	-	-
390 WA	SG	860,033	1.95%	2.55%	16,771	21,931	5,160	-	2,245
General Plant - All Other	SG	132,386	1.95%	2.55%	2,582	3,376	794	-	342
390 WY	SO	17,893,960	1.95%	2.55%	348,933	456,770	107,837	-	-
General Plant - All Other	WY								
Total General Plant - All Other		234,170,613	1.75%	2.30%	4,100,495	5,381,250	1,280,755	-	745,322
Total General Plant		521,234,022	3.72%	4.62%	19,414,887	24,084,509	4,669,623	-	2,608,310
Total Company - Depreciable Plant		28,572,567,679	2.74%	3.54%	783,974,101	1,012,074,708	228,100,607	100,096,010	
COLSTRIP RESERVE AMORTIZATION	SG				(2,293,038)	-	2,293,038	997,567	
HUNTER RESERVE AMORTIZATION	SG				(5,927,184)	-	5,927,184	2,578,572	
GADSBY RESERVE AMORTIZATION	SG				(2,341,500)	-	2,341,500	1,018,650	
BLUNDELL RESERVE AMORTIZATION	SG				(785,202)	-	785,202	341,596	
WYOMING - DISTRIBUTION RESERVE AMORTIZATION	WY				(2,077,204)	-	2,077,204	-	
UTAH - DISTRIBUTION RESERVE AMORTIZATION	UT				(23,109,549)	-	23,109,549	23,109,549	
IDAHO - DISTRIBUTION RESERVE AMORTIZATION	ID				(2,508,698)	-	2,508,698	-	

* For regulatory purposes, vehicle depreciation is re-classified as operations and maintenance expense.

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Estimated STEP Deferral and Amortization Table

September 11, 2018

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Bridger Coal Company Balances

September 11, 2018

Bridger Coal Company
Property, Plant and Equipment - 100%
as of December 31, 2017

<u>General Ledger Account</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Original Cost</u>	<u>Depreciation Reserve</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>	<u>Average Service Life</u>	<u>Average Age</u>
Location Code 03 - Surface Mine						
1605	Land Improvements	\$ 299,546	\$ 244,942	\$ 54,604	35.5	21.0
1610	Mine Development	\$ 16,948,682	\$ 11,813,551	\$ 5,135,131	28.9	16.9
1615	Buildings & Improvements	\$ 12,517,845	\$ 7,887,893	\$ 4,629,952	23.5	9.5
1620	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	\$ 263,360	\$ 189,476	\$ 73,884	46.5	26.5
1625	Surface Roads (haulage / access)	\$ 6,671,774	\$ 5,145,000	\$ 1,526,774	47.6	27.6
1630	Mining Equipment	\$ 8,005,477	\$ 5,333,340	\$ 2,672,137	24.5	17.5
1635	Heavy Equipment-Vehicles	\$ 140,314,588	\$ 94,707,410	\$ 45,607,178	9.6	9.8
1640	Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 10,550	\$ 10,550	\$ -	5.0	5.6
1645	Computer Hardware & Software	\$ 48,896	\$ 25,532	\$ 23,364	4.8	2.6
1650	Other Equipment	\$ 2,248,470	\$ 1,525,535	\$ 722,935	7.2	7.4
1699	Mineral Rights / Coal Reserve Leases	\$ 1,104,601	\$ 15,402	\$ 1,089,200		tons extracted
		\$ 188,433,790	\$ 126,898,631	\$ 61,535,159		
Location Code 06 - Underground Mine						
1605	Land Improvements	\$ 11,908,130	\$ 7,940,052	\$ 3,968,078	13.6	9.5
1610	Mine Development	\$ 3,789,975	\$ 1,883,382	\$ 1,906,593	5.84	2.71
1615	Buildings & Improvements	\$ 28,027,676	\$ 16,764,924	\$ 11,262,752	9.97	6.96
1620	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	\$ 147,040	\$ 99,965	\$ 47,075	16.05	12.02
1625	Surface Roads (haulage / access)	\$ 8,699,099	\$ 6,307,990	\$ 2,391,110	20.79	16.54
1630	Mining Equipment	\$ 167,305,312	\$ 136,678,366	\$ 30,626,947	6.58	7.24
1630	Longwall Mining - Shields / Roof Supports	\$ 33,668,116	\$ 19,544,804	\$ 14,123,312		units of production
1635	Heavy Equipment-Vehicles	\$ 11,244,447	\$ 9,580,598	\$ 1,663,849	7.03	9.25
1640	Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 105,342	\$ 75,169	\$ 30,172	7.88	4.92
1645	Computer Hardware & Software	\$ 260,857	\$ 191,833	\$ 69,024	5.00	6.89
1650	Other Equipment	\$ 8,116,312	\$ 6,210,631	\$ 1,905,681	6.01	5.37
1699	Mineral Rights / Coal Reserve Leases	\$ 14,415,970	\$ 6,808,591	\$ 7,607,380		tons extracted
		\$ 287,688,278	\$ 212,086,304	\$ 75,601,974		
Location Code 09 - Administrative/Common Facilities						
1600	Land	\$ 6,211	\$ -	\$ 6,211	n/a	n/a
1615	Buildings & Improvements	\$ 5,285,585	\$ 3,752,948	\$ 1,532,637	24.5	19.3
1630	Mining Equipment	\$ 549,007	\$ 334,793	\$ 214,214	42.5	29.3
1635	Heavy Equipment-Vehicles	\$ 2,073	\$ 1,330	\$ 743	10.0	6.1
1640	Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 44,596	\$ 38,299	\$ 6,297	7.9	9.6
1645	Computer Hardware & Software	\$ 3,773,629	\$ 3,454,106	\$ 319,523	5.0	4.9
1650	Other Equipment	\$ 752,692	\$ 635,139	\$ 117,553	8.7	9.3
		\$ 10,413,792	\$ 8,216,616	\$ 2,197,176		
Total Bridger Coal Company						
1600	Land	\$ 6,211	\$ -	\$ 6,211		
1605	Land Improvements	\$ 12,207,676	\$ 8,184,994	\$ 4,022,682		
1610	Mine Development	\$ 20,738,657	\$ 13,696,933	\$ 7,041,724		
1615	Buildings & Improvements	\$ 45,831,106	\$ 28,405,765	\$ 17,425,341		
1620	AFUDC	\$ 410,400	\$ 289,441	\$ 120,959		
1625	Surface Roads (haulage / access)	\$ 15,370,874	\$ 11,452,990	\$ 3,917,884		
1630	Mining Equipment	\$ 175,859,796	\$ 142,346,499	\$ 33,513,298		
1630	Longwall Mining - Shields / Roof Supports	\$ 33,668,116	\$ 19,544,804	\$ 14,123,312		
1635	Heavy Equipment-Vehicles	\$ 151,561,108	\$ 104,289,338	\$ 47,271,770		
1640	Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 160,488	\$ 124,019	\$ 36,469		
1645	Computer Hardware & Software	\$ 4,083,382	\$ 3,671,471	\$ 411,911		
1650	Other Equipment	\$ 11,117,474	\$ 8,371,306	\$ 2,746,169		
1699	Mineral Rights / Coal Reserve Leases	\$ 15,520,572	\$ 6,823,992	\$ 8,696,580		
		\$ 486,535,860	\$ 347,201,551	\$ 139,334,309		

Amounts shown are 100% (PacifiCorp share is two-thirds)

Life of mine - Surface Mine-December 2037 / Underground Mine-March 2022

Depreciation Expense Methodology - all assets are depreciated using the "straight-line" method with the following exceptions

- 1) Underground Mine - Longwall Mining - Shields / Roof Support - uses "units of production / cycles"
- 2) Mineral Rights / Coal Reserves both mines use "units of production / tons extracted"

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Direct Testimony of Chad A. Teply

September 11, 2018

1 **Q. Please state your name, business address, and present position.**

2 A. My name is Chad A. Teply. My business address is 1407 West North Temple, Suite 310,
3 Salt Lake City, Utah. My position is Senior Vice President of Strategy and
4 Development for Rocky Mountain Power (the “Company”), a division of PacifiCorp.

5 **QUALIFICATIONS**

6 **Q. Briefly describe your education and professional experience.**

7 A. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from South Dakota
8 State University. I joined MidAmerican Energy Company (a Berkshire Hathaway
9 Energy affiliate company) in November 1999, and held positions of increasing
10 responsibility within the generation organization. In April 2008, I moved to Northern
11 Natural Gas Company (a Berkshire Hathaway Energy affiliate company) as Senior
12 Director of Engineering. I joined PacifiCorp in February 2009. In my current role as
13 Senior Vice President of Strategy and Development, my responsibilities encompass
14 strategic planning, regulatory support, stakeholder engagement, development and
15 execution of major generation resource additions, major environmental compliance
16 projects, and major transmission projects.

17 **Q. Please explain the responsibilities of the resource development staff within your
18 organization.**

19 A. My resource development staff is responsible for developing generation resource
20 options that the Company can potentially implement, if determined to be least cost on
21 a risk-adjusted basis. Resource development staff is also responsible for developing
22 and providing performance and cost information related to supply-side resource options
23 used in the Company’s integrated resource planning (“IRP”) process, and maintaining

24 data on existing resource capacities, performance, and costs. Resource development
25 staff also maintains cost and performance information on current and emerging
26 environmental regulations that may affect the operation of the Company's thermal
27 generating assets.

28 PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

29 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

30 A. My testimony:

- 31 • Describes the process used by the Company to develop estimated economic lives
32 for the thermal generation resources that are incorporated into the Company's new
33 depreciation study submitted with Mr. John J. Spanos's testimony as Exhibit
34 RMP___(JJS-2) (the "Depreciation Study") in this filing.
- 35 • Provides an overview of the recommended changes to the depreciable lives of the
36 Company's thermal generation resources based on the Company's assessment of
37 major factors and changes since the 2013 depreciation study.
- 38 • Presents the Company's recommendations on decommissioning costs. I explain
39 how these costs were developed from updated studies and are now applied on a
40 plant-by-plant basis.

41 DEVELOPMENT OF DEPRECIABLE PLANT LIFE

42 **Q. Why is it necessary to estimate the economic life of a generation asset to develop**
43 **depreciation rates?**

44 A. One component of the Company's cost of service is the recovery of capital investment.
45 This recovery is accomplished through depreciation expense over the life of each
46 resource. Because depreciation rates spread a certain amount of cost over a certain

47 period of time, it is necessary to have a reasonable estimate of the economic life of a
48 resource at the time it is placed into service to properly calculate its depreciation
49 expense. The estimated plant economic life of a generation asset is the period of time
50 that begins when the asset is placed in service and starts generating electricity, and ends
51 when the asset is removed from service. In other words, it is the period of time during
52 which customers benefit from the asset.

53 **Q. Is a plant's estimated economic life permanently set when the plant is placed into**
54 **service?**

55 A. No. For depreciation purposes, all generation asset economic lives are estimates that
56 may be adjusted over time as circumstances warrant. The Company reevaluates its
57 economic life estimates each time it performs a depreciation study. In this case, the
58 Company provided estimated generation plant depreciable lives information to
59 Mr. Spanos for his use in preparing the Depreciation Study.

60 **Q. Are you also providing the Company's estimated thermal generation plant**
61 **economic lives information for this docket?**

62 A. Yes. Exhibit RMP___(CAT-1) accompanying my testimony contains a complete list of
63 PacifiCorp's thermal generation plants and their recommended depreciable lives.

64 **DEPRECIABLE LIVES FOR THERMAL GENERATION RESOURCES**

65 **Q. Please describe the process the Company used to assess the depreciable lives of its**
66 **thermal generation resources.**

67 A. The Company began with the estimated retirement years from the 2013 depreciation
68 study. The Company then considered capital expenditures, impacts to ongoing
69 operating and maintenance expenses, and the potential for accelerated timelines for

70 resource planning decisions. These factors were considered in the following context:
71 (1) major equipment condition; (2) fuel cost and availability; (3) environmental
72 compliance obligations; and (4) policy and market drivers.

73 Based on the unique circumstances that affect individual units at a given plant,
74 the Company also modified its current practice of using a single retirement year for a
75 plant. Instead of using a single retirement year for a plant, the Company proposes to
76 use the depreciable lives of the individual coal-fired generation units at each plant.

77 **Q. Please explain how major equipment condition can affect the depreciable life of a**
78 **thermal generation resource.**

79 A. Major equipment condition is influenced by the planned outage schedule. Thermal
80 resources, including the coal-fired, gas-fired, and geothermal resources involving the
81 production and transport of steam, normally undergo overhauls on four-year cycles,
82 eight-year cycles, or 12-year cycles. The Company establishes outage schedules for
83 coal-fired resources based on its industry operating experience. It establishes overhaul
84 schedules for gas-fired combustion turbine-based resources based on the number of
85 operating hours and starts of the units and the recommendations of the original
86 equipment manufacturer. Major equipment or component replacements, such as
87 replacing cooling towers, condenser re-tubing, replacing turbine components, re-
88 winding generators, or replacing steam generator components, may be required at these
89 overhaul milestones. These periodic milestone replacements are important to the
90 ongoing operation of the resource. If capital investment is required, the resource may
91 no longer be economic to operate, depending on the level of investment and expected
92 remaining life.

93 **Q. Please explain how fuel cost and availability can affect the depreciable life of a**
94 **thermal generation resource.**

95 A. Fuel cost, fuel availability, and, to an extent, fuel quality can influence the economic
96 life of a thermal generation resource. Significant changes in the cost, availability, or
97 quality of the resource's fuel supply can drive major capital expenditures or result in
98 increased run-rate costs that could make the resource uneconomic to operate. Issues at
99 captive mines that serve the Company's resources are likely to have more direct
100 impacts, depending upon the availability of alternative competitive market suppliers.
101 Switching to a different fuel source, and procuring and delivery of this alternate fuel,
102 could require major capital expenditures, or result in increased run-rate fuel costs,
103 which can also drive economic-life decisions for individual resources.

104 **Q. Please explain how environmental regulations can affect the depreciable life of a**
105 **thermal generation asset.**

106 A. Existing, evolving, and emerging air emissions standards, water intake and effluent
107 discharge standards, and solid waste regulations may impact the economics of
108 operating an asset. New regulations or changes to existing air, water, or solid waste
109 regulations influence the timing of capital expenditures for compliance and the
110 subsequent operating and maintenance costs. Capital expenditures for compliance with
111 environmental regulations include air pollution controls, water intake infrastructure
112 modifications, discharge constraints, cooling system changes, and new or upgraded
113 coal combustion waste infrastructure to transport and store bottom ash, fly ash, and
114 scrubber waste. Capital expenditures, once made, must be recovered over the remaining
115 life of the asset. If a major capital investment is required to meet a new environmental

116 standard but it is not feasible or economic to recover the investment over the remaining
117 life of the asset, this could result in the early retirement of the asset.

118 **Q. Have any significant new environmental regulations or compliance obligations**
119 **been implemented since the Company's last depreciation study that could affect**
120 **thermal generation resource depreciable lives?**

121 A. Yes. Several environmental regulations and compliance obligations have been
122 implemented since the Company's 2013 depreciation study. First, the United States
123 Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the states of Arizona, Colorado, Utah,
124 and Wyoming have continued to implement their Regional Haze state and federal
125 implementation plans. Since 2013, the Company has taken steps to install emissions
126 control equipment, and negotiate alternative compliance outcomes for certain units¹,
127 and is currently supporting ongoing requests for reconsideration of and, in some
128 instances, litigation over, other implementation plan requirements². These efforts and
129 outcomes affect several of the Company's wholly-owned or partially-owned generation
130 resources. The Company generally assesses its compliance obligations and alternatives
131 as part of its regular IRP filings, the most recent of which are the 2017 IRP and the
132 2017 IRP Update, which are available on the Company's website. Detailed discussion
133 of the Company's completed compliance projects and upcoming compliance decisions

¹ In 2014, installation of new low-NOx burners, a scrubber upgrade, and new baghouse at Hunter Unit 1. In 2015, installation of selective catalytic reduction ("SCR") systems at Jim Bridger Unit 3 and Hayden Unit 1. In 2016, installation of SCR systems at Jim Bridger Unit 4 and Hayden Unit 2. Also in 2016, an SCR alternative for Dave Johnston Unit 3 was approved by EPA. In 2017, an SCR system was installed at Craig Unit 2 and an SCR alternative for Cholla Unit 4 was approved by EPA. In 2018, an SCR alternative for Craig Unit 1 was approved by EPA. The Company is in discussions with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality and the EPA regarding an SCR alternative for Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2.

² The EPA is currently in the process of reconsideration of Utah Regional Haze compliance requirements and litigation of EPA's Regional Haze federal implementation plan requirements for Hunter Units 1 and 2 and Huntington Units 1 and 2. Litigation of EPA's Regional Haze federal implementation plan requirements for Wyodak and Naughton Units 1 and 2 is also still on-going.

134 is included in the referenced IRPs and reflected in the proposed depreciable lives for
135 individual units discussed further in this filing.

136 Second, since 2013 the EPA has initially proposed, partially litigated, rescinded,
137 and now proposed replacement of the Clean Power Plan focused on reduction of carbon
138 dioxide (“CO₂”) emissions from the United States energy sector. While no specific
139 greenhouse gas compliance expenditures were pursued in response to the Clean Power
140 Plan, the Company’s IRP continues to incorporate assumptions and sensitivities
141 regarding potential greenhouse gas policy outcomes.

142 Finally, since 2013 the EPA has proposed, partially litigated, and modified its
143 Coal Combustion Residual regulations as part of the Resource Conservation and
144 Reclamation Act, as well as its Effluent Limitation Guidelines as part of the Clean
145 Water Act. These regulations require utilities with coal-fired generation facilities to
146 meet certain compliance obligations for ash and coal residue handling, infrastructure,
147 and storage facilities, as well as their process wastewater streams. Although the
148 Company’s Depreciation Study considers these environmental regulations, it is not
149 significantly impacted at this time by anticipated compliance obligations in these areas.

150 **Q. Did the Company make capital expenditures for environmental compliance with**
151 **the intent to extend the resource lives of thermal generation resources?**

152 A. No. While the Company has made capital additions since 2013 on a number of its coal-
153 fueled generation assets to comply with environmental regulations, the Company’s
154 analysis and justification of these investments assumed that the plant lives would not
155 be extended. Rather, the Company assumed the compliance expenditures would allow
156 the individual unit to operate through their currently-approved depreciable lives.

157 **Q. What emerging policy and market drivers affect the estimated depreciable lives**
158 **of generation resources?**

159 A. Since the Company's 2013 depreciation study, policymakers in the Company's service
160 territory have continued to propose, consider, and promulgate state-specific policies
161 affecting the Company's generation resource planning. The Company's long-term
162 resource planning and estimated depreciable lives of thermal generation resources are
163 influenced by a variety of policy and market drivers, including wholesale power and
164 natural gas prices, public policy and regulatory initiatives, and events and trends
165 affecting the economy.

166 One notable public policy example is Oregon Senate Bill 1547-B, which was
167 signed into law by the governor of Oregon on March 8, 2016. Senate Bill 1547-B, the
168 Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Plan, extends and expands the Oregon Renewable
169 Portfolio Standard requirement to 50 percent of electricity from renewable resources
170 by 2040 and requires that coal-fueled resources be eliminated from Oregon's allocation
171 of electricity by January 1, 2030.

172 This and other planning environment drivers are discussed in detail in Chapter
173 3 of the Company's 2017 IRP, which is publicly available on the Company's website.

174 **Q. Based on these considerations, what major changes does the Company propose to**
175 **the depreciable lives of its thermal generation resources?**

176 A. The Company is proposing several changes to its thermal generation depreciable lives
177 based on its analysis of the various factors described earlier in my testimony.

178 First, the Company recommends accelerating the depreciable life of Cholla Unit
179 4 from 2042 to 2025 to align with the unit's approved Regional Haze Rule compliance

180 obligation timeline. This compliance date was established in settlement discussions
181 between the facility joint owners, state and federal agencies, and stakeholders in 2015
182 and 2016; approvals were received through subsequent state and federal agency public
183 processes in 2017 and 2018. Cholla Unit 4 will be 44 years old in 2025.

184 The second recommended change is to accelerate the depreciable lives of Jim
185 Bridger Units 1 and 2 from 2037 to 2028 and 2032, respectively, to align with the
186 Company's 2017 IRP preferred portfolio. The 2017 IRP preferred portfolio reflects the
187 Company's analysis of potential alternate Regional Haze Rule compliance outcomes
188 for Units 1 and 2 that result in a least-cost, least-risk outcome for customers when
189 compared to installation of major emissions control equipment retrofits in 2021 and
190 2022, as currently required in the Wyoming Regional Haze state implementation plan,
191 as approved by EPA. Approval of these accelerated depreciation dates facilitates
192 alternate Regional Haze compliance decision-making for Units 1 and 2. The Company
193 has not yet received state or federal agency approvals of this alternate Regional Haze
194 compliance outcome for Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2, but has engaged the agencies in
195 discussions regarding potential alternative compliance. Jim Bridger Unit 1 will be
196 54 years old in 2028, and Jim Bridger Unit 2 will be 57 years old in 2032.

197 The third recommended change is to accelerate the depreciable life of Craig
198 Unit 1 from 2034 to 2025 to align with its approved Regional Haze Rule compliance
199 obligation timeline. This compliance date was established in settlement discussions
200 between the facility joint owners, state and federal agencies, and stakeholders in 2015
201 and 2016; approvals were received through subsequent state and federal agency public
202 processes in 2017 and 2018. Craig Unit 1 will be 45 years old in 2025.

203 The fourth recommended change is to accelerate the depreciable life of Craig
204 Unit 2 from 2034 to 2026 to facilitate least-cost, least-risk analysis, decision making,
205 and planning as Craig Unit 1 approaches retirement in 2025, as currently expected, and
206 Craig Unit 2 economics and joint owner business planning decisions are made in the
207 interim. The Craig Unit 2 joint owners and stakeholders have not approved accelerated
208 retirement of the unit, nor has formal engagement on that potential outcome been
209 initiated. Craig Unit 2 will be 47 years old in 2026.

210 The fifth recommended change is to accelerate the depreciable life of Colstrip
211 Units 3 and 4 from 2046 to 2027 to facilitate least-cost, least-risk analysis, decision
212 making, and planning as announced retirements of Colstrip Units 1 and 2 (non-
213 Company resources) in 2022 approach, and Colstrip Units 3 and 4 economics and joint
214 owner business planning decisions are made in the interim. The Colstrip Units 3 and 4
215 joint owners and stakeholders have not approved accelerated retirement of those units,
216 nor has formal engagement on that potential outcome been initiated. However, certain
217 joint owners (Avista – 15 percent, and Puget Sound Energy – 25 percent) have reached
218 agreements with their respective regulators to establish 2027 as the new depreciable
219 life for the units. Colstrip Units 3 and 4 will be 43 years old and 41 years old,
220 respectively, in 2027.

221 For the Company’s remaining thermal generation resources, I recommend to
222 maintain the current depreciable lives consistent with prior depreciation studies.

223 **Q. Has the Company changed the depreciable lives for its natural gas-fired simple-**
224 **cycle combustion turbine resources?**

225 **A. No.** The Company is not recommending any change to the depreciable lives of its

226 simple-cycle natural gas combustion turbines. The simple-cycle combustion turbines
227 in the Company's fleet are aero-derivative combustion turbines and operate when
228 economic and/or when required for system reliability purposes. Operating profiles and
229 assumptions pertaining to outage schedules and equipment longevity for these units
230 have not materially changed. Moreover, fuel availability for the simple-cycle gas
231 combustion turbine units has not changed. The original equipment manufacturer's 30-
232 year useful life recommendation has not changed and remains consistent with the 2013
233 depreciation study.

234 **Q. Has the Company changed the depreciable lives for its natural gas-fired**
235 **combined-cycle combustion turbine resources?**

236 A. No. The Company is not recommending any change to the depreciable lives of its
237 combined-cycle gas combustion turbines. These plants operate when economic and/or
238 when required for system reliability purposes. Since the 2013 depreciation study, the
239 operating profiles and assumptions pertaining to outage schedules and equipment
240 longevity for these units have not materially changed. Moreover, fuel availability for
241 the combined-cycle gas combustion turbine resources has not changed. The original
242 equipment manufacturer's 40-year useful life recommendation has not changed and
243 remains consistent with the 2013 depreciation study. However, it is feasible with
244 continued maintenance investment and technology advancements that these facilities
245 could operate economically beyond the original equipment manufacturer's 40-year
246 useful life recommendation.

247 **DECOMMISSIONING/DEMOLITION COSTS**

248 **Q. Is the Company proposing changes to decommissioning costs in the Depreciation**
249 **Study for the Company’s thermal generation resources?**

250 A. Yes. The Company performed updated decommissioning cost studies in the 2014 to
251 2016 timeframe on a selection of its thermal generation resources considered
252 reasonable proxy resources for extrapolation across the fleet. These studies were used
253 as the primary basis for the decommissioning costs in this filing, with certain updates
254 made to reflect plant-specific attributes and updated commodity and scrap market costs.
255 Based on these studies, the Company proposes to replace the previously approved
256 decommissioning cost of \$40 per kilowatt for all coal-fueled plants with the plant-by-
257 plant decommissioning costs provided in Exhibit RMP___(CAT-2). The Company also
258 proposes to replace the previously approved decommissioning cost of \$15 per kilowatt
259 for all natural gas-fueled plants with an updated decommissioning cost estimate of
260 \$10 per kilowatt.

261 The Company hired a third-party engineering firm to complete the baseline
262 decommissioning studies. The decommissioning costs in Exhibit RMP___(CAT-2),
263 include plant demolition, ash pile and ash pond abatement and closure, asbestos and
264 other hazardous materials abatement and remediation, and final site cleanup and
265 restoration as applicable to each plant.

266 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

267 A. Yes.

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Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Chad A. Teply
PacifiCorp Estimated Plant Retirement Lives – Steam and Gas

September 11, 2018

PacifiCorp Estimated Plant Retirement Lives - Steam and Gas

	Commercial Operations Date	Current Depreciable Life Span (Years)	Current End of Depreciation Year	Recommended Depreciable Life Span (Years)	Recommended End of Depreciation Year	Life Span Difference: Recommended - Current (Years)
Steam						
Cholla-4	1981	61	2042	44	2025	(17)
Colstrip-3	1984	62	2046	43	2027	(19)
Colstrip-4	1986	60	2046	41	2027	(19)
Craig-1	1980	54	2034	45	2025	(9)
Craig-2	1979	55	2034	47	2026	(8)
Dave Johnston-1	1959	68	2027	68	2027	—
Dave Johnston-2	1960	67	2027	67	2027	—
Dave Johnston-3	1964	63	2027	63	2027	—
Dave Johnston-4	1972	55	2027	55	2027	—
Hayden-1	1965	65	2030	65	2030	—
Hayden-2	1976	54	2030	54	2030	—
Hunter-1	1978	64	2042	64	2042	—
Hunter-2	1980	62	2042	62	2042	—
Hunter-3	1983	59	2042	59	2042	—
Huntington-1	1977	59	2036	59	2036	—
Huntington-2	1974	62	2036	62	2036	—
Jim Bridger-1	1974	63	2037	54	2028	(9)
Jim Bridger-2	1975	62	2037	57	2032	(5)
Jim Bridger-3	1976	61	2037	61	2037	—
Jim Bridger-4	1979	58	2037	58	2037	—
Naughton-1	1963	66	2029	66	2029	—
Naughton-2	1968	61	2029	61	2029	—
Naughton-3*	1971	58	2029	58	2029	—
Wyodak-1	1978	61	2039	61	2039	—
Gadsby-1 (Rankine)	1951	81	2032	81	2032	—
Gadsby-2 (Rankine)	1952	80	2032	80	2032	—
Gadsby-3 (Rankine)	1955	77	2032	77	2032	—
Blundell 1 (Geothermal)	1984	53	2037	53	2037	—
Blundell 2 (Geothermal)	2007	30	2037	30	2037	—
Gas						
Currant Creek (CCCT)	2005	40	2045	40	2045	—
Chehalis (CCCT)	2003	40	2043	40	2043	—
Hermiston 1 (CCCT)	1996	40	2036	40	2036	—
Hermiston 2 (CCCT)	1996	40	2036	40	2036	—
Lake Side 1 (CCCT)	2007	40	2047	40	2047	—
Lake Side 2 (CCCT)	2014	40	2054	40	2054	—
Gadsby-4 (CT)	2002	30	2032	30	2032	—
Gadsby-5 (CT)	2002	30	2032	30	2032	—
Gadsby-6 (CT)	2002	30	2032	30	2032	—

* To be retired in 2019

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Estimated Decommissioning Costs

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Estimated Decommissioning Costs

Values in 2017 Dollars

COAL

Generating Facility	Grand Total	\$/kw
Cholla 4	\$ 20,328,470	51.46
Cholla	\$ 20,328,470	
Dave Johnston 1	\$ 3,630,058	34.25
Dave Johnston 2	\$ 3,630,058	34.25
Dave Johnston 3	\$ 7,534,083	34.25
Dave Johnston 4	\$ 11,301,125	34.25
Dave Johnston	\$ 26,095,324	34.25
Hunter 1	\$ 18,059,921	43.19
Hunter 2	\$ 11,618,067	43.19
Hunter 3	\$ 20,343,731	43.19
Hunter	\$ 50,021,719	43.19
Huntington 1	\$ 20,327,323	44.29
Huntington 2	\$ 19,928,748	44.29
Huntington	\$ 40,256,071	44.29
Jim Bridger 1	\$ 13,171,584	37.21
Jim Bridger 2	\$ 13,370,026	37.21
Jim Bridger 3	\$ 12,973,142	37.21
Jim Bridger 4	\$ 13,146,779	37.21
Jim Bridger	\$ 52,661,531	37.21
Naughton 1	\$ 15,249,202	97.75
Naughton 2	\$ 19,648,011	97.75
Naughton 3	\$ 27,370,363	97.75
Naughton	\$ 62,267,577	97.75
Wyodak	\$ 7,138,204	26.64
Wyodak	\$ 7,138,204	26.64
Colstrip 3	\$ 6,342,513	85.71
Colstrip 4	\$ 6,342,513	85.71
Colstrip 3/4	\$ 12,685,026	85.71
Craig 1	\$ 1,018,471	12.37
Craig 2	\$ 1,020,856	12.37
Craig	\$ 2,039,327	12.37
Hayden 1	\$ 203,384	4.51
Hayden 2	\$ 148,938	4.51
Hayden	\$ 352,322	4.51
Fleet		46.14

NATURAL GAS

Generating Facility	Grand Total	\$/kw
Currant Creek	\$ 6,426,778	\$ 11.69
Gadsby 1, 2 and 3	\$ 9,289,965	\$ 39.12
Chehalis	\$ 3,294,111	\$ 6.36
Lake Side	\$ 7,621,513	\$ 6.34
Hermiston	\$ 4,127,878	\$ 17.42
Gadsby 4, 5, and 6	\$ 1,208,209	\$ 10.07

GEOHERMAL

Generating Facility	Grand Total	\$/kw
Blundell 1 (Geothermal)	\$ 5,346,476	\$ 232.46
Blundell 2 (Geothermal)	\$ 1,392,815	\$ 139.28
Blundell	\$ 6,739,291	\$ 204.22

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Direct Testimony of Timothy J. Hemstreet

September 11, 2018

1 **Q. Please state your name, business address, and present position.**

2 A. My name is Timothy J. Hemstreet. My business address is 825 NE Multnomah Street,
3 Suite 1500, Portland, Oregon 97232. My present position is Director of Renewable
4 Energy Development. I am testifying on behalf of Rocky Mountain Power (the
5 “Company”), a division of PacifiCorp.

6 **QUALIFICATIONS**

7 **Q. Briefly describe your education and professional experience.**

8 A. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre
9 Dame in Indiana and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the
10 University of Texas at Austin. I am also a Registered Professional Engineer in the state
11 of Oregon. Before joining the Company in 2004, I held positions in engineering
12 consulting and environmental compliance. Since joining the Company, I have held
13 positions in environmental policy, engineering, project management, and hydroelectric
14 project licensing and program management. In 2016, I assumed the role of Director of
15 Renewable Energy Development, in which I oversee the development of renewable
16 energy resources.

17 **Q. Please explain your responsibilities as Director of Renewable Energy**
18 **Development.**

19 A. The renewable energy development group is responsible for identifying and developing
20 Company-owned renewable generation resource options and efficiency
21 improvements—including wind, solar, and hydroelectric resources—to enhance or
22 improve the efficiency of the Company’s renewable resources portfolio.

23 **PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

24 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

25 A. My testimony:

- 26 • Provides an overview of the Company’s recommended depreciable lives for its
27 renewable generating resources. The Company reviewed its hydro and wind
28 resource generating assets and performed an evaluation of depreciable lives in
29 support of this filing. Based on this assessment, the Company proposes certain
30 changes to the depreciable lives established in the previous depreciation study filed
31 in Docket No. 13-035-02 ("2013 depreciation study").¹
- 32 • Describes how the Company developed estimated plant economic lives for its wind
33 and hydro generation resources included in the Company’s new depreciation study
34 submitted with Company witness Mr. John J. Spanos’s testimony as Exhibit
35 RMP___(JJS-2) (the “Depreciation Study”) in this filing. My testimony also
36 summarizes the proposed changes in the depreciable plant lives of the renewable
37 resources and the basis therefore including updated information regarding new and
38 anticipated hydroelectric operating licenses, the repowering of the Company’s
39 existing wind fleet, as well as the assumed depreciation lives for new wind
40 resources that will be brought online in 2020.

41 **Q. Have you provided the Company’s estimated plant economic lives for its**
42 **renewable generation assets?**

43 A. Yes. Exhibit RMP___(TJH-1) attached to my testimony contains a complete list of the
44 Company’s renewable generation plants and their recommended depreciable lives.

¹ In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power, a Division of PacifiCorp, for Authority to Change its Depreciation Rates Effective January 1, 2014, Docket 13-035-02.

45 **DEPRECIABLE LIVES FOR HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION RESOURCES**

46 **Q. What is the Company’s general approach for developing the depreciable lives of**
47 **its hydroelectric generating facilities?**

48 A. The Company’s approach as reflected in the Depreciation Study is primarily based on
49 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) hydroelectric plant license
50 expiration dates. The vast majority of the facilities (comprising 99 percent of the
51 Company’s installed hydroelectric generating capacity) require a FERC license to
52 operate. The terms of the FERC license requirements largely determine the capital
53 expenditures required to make necessary improvements to the hydroelectric plant
54 during the license period to implement protection, mitigation and enhancement
55 measures. It is therefore appropriate for the term of the FERC license to set the
56 depreciable life of the hydroelectric generation resource.

57 The status of the FERC relicensing processes for the Company’s licensed
58 hydroelectric facilities was reviewed to determine any changes required by new
59 licensing information. These changes are due to either recent license issuances or the
60 Company’s expectations of the term of new licenses based upon the scope of likely or
61 proposed protection, mitigation and enhancement measures that will be required during
62 a new license term, which FERC uses to assess the appropriate new license term in a
63 licensing order.

64 For its unlicensed hydroelectric facilities, the Company assessed the
65 depreciation lives based on the current operating conditions of the facilities as observed
66 since the last depreciation study and the estimated remaining life of the physical assets
67 as determined by the Company’s hydro resources engineering staff.

68 **Q. What major changes did the Company make regarding the depreciable lives of its**
69 **hydroelectric generating resources?**

70 A. The major changes the Company made are driven primarily by changes in expected
71 license terms for FERC regulated projects that have either been recently issued a new
72 license or that the Company intends to relicense in the near future. FERC issued a new
73 40-year license for the Wallowa Falls project in Oregon in January 2017 so the
74 Company extended the depreciable life of that project to 2057 to match the new license
75 term. Additionally, the Company expects FERC to issue a new 40-year license for the
76 Prospect No. 3 project in Oregon in late 2018 so the Company proposes extending the
77 depreciable life of the Prospect No. 3 facility to 2058. The Company also expects that
78 FERC will issue new 40-year licenses for the Weber and Cutler facilities in Utah when
79 their existing licenses expire in 2020 and 2024, respectively. Exhibit RMP___(TJH-1),
80 “PacifiCorp Estimated Plant Retirement, Lives – Renewable Resources” lists the
81 estimated retirement dates of the Company’s hydro and wind generating resources and
82 the proposed changes to the existing depreciable lives.

83 **Q. Why does the Company assume that the facilities it intends to relicense will be**
84 **issued 40-year licenses?**

85 A. The Company’s recent experience with new license terms for projects with moderate
86 changes or for which construction is required to comply with new license requirements,
87 like the Wallowa Falls project, is that FERC will issue a 40-year license² unless unique
88 conditions are met. This is consistent with FERC’s recent “Policy Statement on

² The new license for Prospect No. 3 is available at <https://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/gen-info/licensing/active-licenses/P-308.pdf>.

89 Establishing License Terms for Hydroelectric Projects,” issued in October 2017.³ In
90 the policy statement, FERC adopted a default 40-year license term for licensed hydro-
91 power projects at non-federal dams. FERC also articulated that projects with limited
92 new improvements or construction that are required under a new license could justify
93 a shorter license term of not less than 30 years. The Company estimates that moderate
94 infrastructure improvements will be necessary during new license terms for its
95 hydroelectric projects; thus, a 40-year depreciable life was viewed as appropriate.

96 **Q. Did the Company extend the depreciable life of any of its other hydro facilities for**
97 **reasons other than new or anticipated license terms?**

98 A. Yes. The Company made slight adjustments to extend the depreciable lives of several
99 small hydro facilities with less than three megawatt capacity that are not licensed by
100 FERC. Small extensions of between four to eight years are proposed for the Paris,
101 Gunlock, Santa Clara, Veyo, Last Chance and Granite facilities to reflect their
102 continuing operational status and the estimated remaining life of their physical assets.
103 The Company also extended the depreciable lives for the Bend and Eagle Point
104 facilities of 14 and 15 years, respectively, because these facilities will not be
105 decommissioned in the near-term and will continue to provide service to customers for
106 the new proposed depreciable life.

107 **Q. Did the Company reduce the depreciable life of any of its hydro facilities?**

108 A. Yes. The depreciable life of the Viva Naughton hydroelectric facility – a small
109 0.74 megawatt capacity hydroelectric facility located at the cooling water storage
110 reservoir for the Naughton steam generating facility in Wyoming – was reduced by

³ FERC's policy statement is available at <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2017/101917/H-1.pdf>.

111 11 years, from 2040 to 2029, to reflect the planned retirement date of the Naughton
112 steam generating station.

113 **Q. Has the Company proposed any changes to the estimated retirement date of its**
114 **Klamath hydroelectric assets?**

115 A. No, the Company's estimated retirement dates for the Klamath hydroelectric facilities
116 are unchanged from the 2013 depreciation study and remain consistent with the timing
117 of decommissioning anticipated by the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement.

118 **Q. Could environmental issues affect the estimated plant economic life of hydro**
119 **resources in the future?**

120 A. Yes. While no new significant environmental compliance issues have emerged since
121 the 2013 depreciation study, the dynamic nature of evolving environmental stewardship
122 requirements and FERC licensing requirements, coupled with asset specific attributes
123 will continue to impact the Company's ability to economically achieve license
124 extensions or economically operate unlicensed hydro facilities for the benefit of
125 customers. For instance, assets that must mitigate project effects on species listed under
126 the Endangered Species Act may be subject to unique environmental stewardship
127 requirements, which can change based upon the status of the listed species. On the other
128 hand, long-term investments the Company is making to comply with its current license
129 requirements – such as the installation of fish passage measures at many of its newly
130 relicensed hydroelectric facilities – may positively influence the ability to relicense
131 these facilities in the future and continue economic operation. If conditions change as
132 a result of evolving requirements or unforeseen circumstances, the depreciable lives of

133 the Company's hydroelectric assets will be adjusted accordingly in a future
134 depreciation.

135 **DEPRECIABLE LIVES FOR NEW WIND GENERATING RESOURCES**

136 **Q. Please describe the process the Company used to assess the depreciable lives of its**
137 **wind resources.**

138 A. In the Company's 2013 depreciation study, the Company recommended, and the
139 Commission adopted, extending the previously assumed 25-year depreciable life for its
140 wind-powered generation resources to 30 years. The Company has assessed this
141 depreciable life against current industry trends for wind generation facilities and
142 continues to believe that a 30-year depreciable life is appropriate for such facilities
143 whose wind turbine generators are designed to meet industry standards and that are
144 maintained consistent with manufacturer recommendations. New wind projects require
145 a greater investment per turbine due to the larger wind turbine size as compared to
146 earlier turbine technologies. Thus, some new utility-owned wind assets, for which
147 ongoing generation offtake and maintenance funding is more certain, have been
148 considered for longer asset lives of up to 40 years.

149 **Q. What asset life is the Company proposing for the new wind facilities that are**
150 **currently being developed and expected to enter service in 2020?**

151 A. The Company is currently developing 950 megawatts of new wind facilities in
152 Wyoming associated with its Energy Vision 2020 project that are expected to
153 commercially operate in 2020. The Company proposes a 30-year asset life for these
154 new facilities, consistent with the 30-year asset life for the Company's existing wind
155 facilities that was approved in the 2013 depreciation study.

156 **Q. Is a 30-year asset life consistent with how the Company evaluated proposed new**
157 **wind projects as part of its Energy Vision 2020 proposal?**

158 A. Yes, in the Energy Vision 2020 cases, the Company assumed a 30-year asset life for
159 new Company-owned wind assets as part of such new wind resources' economic
160 evaluation.

161 **DEPRECIABLE LIVES FOR REPOWERING WIND GENERATING RESOURCES**

162 **Q. Is the Company proposing changes to the depreciable lives of its existing wind**
163 **resources?**

164 A. Yes. The Company is currently repowering the majority of its existing wind fleet,
165 which, for its wind facilities constructed between 2006 and 2010, will result in the
166 replacement of the existing nacelles and rotors at the facilities with more modern
167 equipment that includes longer blades and higher capacity generators.⁴

168 Repowering of the Company's wind fleet will benefit customers by requalifying
169 the repowered facilities for the full value of available production tax credits when
170 brought online by the end of 2020, increasing zero-fuel cost generation from the
171 existing wind fleet by an average of approximately 26 percent, and extending the asset
172 lives of the repowered facilities. The Company plans to repower its existing wind
173 facilities in 2019 and 2020. The Company therefore recommends extending the
174 depreciable lives of the repowered facilities to provide for a 30-year asset life after the
175 repowering equipment upgrades are installed. This results in an extension of the
176 depreciable lives of the Company's existing wind facilities by 10 to 21 years,

⁴ The Company is also evaluating repowering its Foote Creek I facility, which would involve the replacement of the existing wind turbine generators installed in 1999 with new, modern equipment. The Company anticipates that this facility will be repowered in 2020 if satisfactory arrangements are obtained and permits are received that would allow this facility to be repowered and provide benefits to customers as compared to the status quo.

177 depending on the facility. The Company's proposed depreciable lives for its wind
178 facilities are shown in Exhibit RMP___(TJH-1).

179 **Q. What are the current asset lives of the wind facilities to be repowered?**

180 A. All of the existing wind facilities are currently being depreciated assuming a 30-year
181 asset life. The facilities the Company plans to repower or is evaluating for repowering
182 are currently scheduled to be retired between 2029 and 2040. The retired assets from
183 repowering are treated as an interim retirement for accounting purposes and transferred
184 to the wind plant depreciation reserve.

185 **Q. Will repowering the wind facilities extend their useful operating lives beyond the
186 currently planned retirement dates?**

187 A. Yes, the Company believes that repowering the wind facilities will extend their
188 operation 30 years from the repowering date, extending their useful lives by at least
189 10 years.

190 **Q. How will repowering extend the useful life for 30 years from the repowering date?**

191 A. The repowering projects are being designed by the turbine equipment suppliers to meet
192 the same design requirements that apply to complete wind turbine generators used in
193 new wind facility construction. The wind turbine equipment suppliers will have their
194 wind turbine designs for the repowering projects certified by an independent third party
195 to ensure that they meet or exceed applicable International Electrotechnical
196 Commission design standards used in the wind turbine industry. These design standards
197 are intended to ensure that the equipment is appropriate for the site conditions and will
198 perform satisfactorily over the standard design life.

199 **Q. What factors are independently reviewed to assess and certify the design of the**
200 **repowered wind facilities?**

201 A. The third-party design assessment evaluates the site-specific load assumptions based
202 upon the climactic conditions at each facility and will assess the control and protection
203 systems for the wind turbine and their ability to meet the site design conditions. It will
204 also assess the electric components, the rotor blades, hub, machine components
205 (i.e., drivetrain, main bearing and gearbox), and the suitability of the existing tower
206 upon which the new wind turbine equipment will be installed to meet the new design
207 loads.

208 **Q. Does the Company have land rights that allow its repowered wind facilities to**
209 **operate for 30 years after repowering?**

210 A. The Company reviewed its existing land rights for its existing wind generation facilities
211 and determined that nearly all projects have land rights that will allow the facilities to
212 operate for 30 years after repowering is completed. The Company will seek to prudently
213 extend lease terms beyond the initial period, as required, to support the longer
214 depreciable lives of its repowered wind resources.

215 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

216 A. Yes.

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PACIFICORP HYDRO PLANTS

Plant	Nameplate Rating (MW)	Year Installed	FERC License Number	License Expiration Date	Energy Source	State	Location	2013 Stipulated Depreciation End Year	New Proposed Plant Depreciation End Year	Asset Life Extension/Reduction (years)
Ashton	6.85	1910	2381	12/31/2027	Henry's Fork Snake River	Idaho	Ashton, ID	2027	2027	—
Bend	1.11	1913		Unlicensed	Deschutes River	Oregon	Bend, OR	2016	2030	14
Big Fork	4.15	1910	2652	6/30/2053	Sweet River	Montana	Big Fork, MT	2063	2053	—
Clearwater No.1	15.00	1953	1927	10/31/2038	Clearwater River	Oregon	Tokeete Falls, OR	2038	2038	—
Clearwater No.2	26.00	1953	1927	10/31/2038	Clearwater River	Oregon	Tokeete Falls, OR	2038	2038	—
COPCO No.1	20.00	1918	2082	2/28/2006	Klamath River	California	Hornbrook, CA	2019	2019	—
COPCO No.2	27.00	1925	2082	2/28/2006	Klamath River	California	Hornbrook, CA	2019	2019	—
Cutler	30.00	1927	2420	3/31/2024	Bear River	Utah	Logan, UT	2024	2064	40
Eagle Point	2.81	1957		Unlicensed	South Fork Big Butte Creek	Oregon	Shady Cove, OR	2005	2040	15
East Side	3.20	1924	2082	2/28/2006	Link River	Oregon	Klamath Falls, OR	2020	2020	—
Fall Creek	2.20	1903	2082	2/28/2006	Fall Creek	California	Hornbrook, CA	2020	2020	—
Fish Creek	11.00	1952	1927	10/31/2038	Fish Creek	Oregon	Tokeete Falls, OR	2038	2038	—
Grace	33.00	1908	20	11/30/2033	Bear River	Idaho	Grace, ID	2033	2033	—
Granite	2.00	1896		Unlicensed	Big Cottonwood Creek	Utah	Salt Lake City, UT	2030	2035	5
Gunlock	2.05	1917	9281	Exempt	Santa Clara River	Utah	St. George, UT	2020	2024	4
Iron Gate	18.00	1962	2082	2/28/2006	Klamath River	California	Hornbrook, CA	2019	2019	—
J.C. Boyle	97.98	1958	2082	2/28/2006	Klamath River	Oregon	Keno, OR	2019	2019	—
Keno Regulating Dam	—	1967	2082	2/28/2006	Link River	Oregon	Klamath Falls, OR	2020	2020	—
Klamath Lake Reservoir	—	1919		Unlicensed	Link River	Oregon	Klamath Falls, OR	2020	2020	—
Last Chance	1.73	1984	4580	Exempt	Last Chance Canal	Idaho	Grace, ID	2025	2033	8
Lenoble No.1	31.99	1955	1927	10/31/2038	North Umpqua River	Oregon	Tokeete Falls, OR	2038	2038	—
Lenoble No.2	38.50	1956	1927	10/31/2038	North Umpqua River	Oregon	Tokeete Falls, OR	2038	2038	—
Lifton Pump Station	—	1918		Unlicensed	Bear River	Idaho	St. Charles, ID	2033	2033	—
Merwin	136.00	1931	935	6/1/2058	North Fork Lewis River	Washington	Arel, WA	2058	2058	—
Owelsa	30.00	1915	20	11/30/2033	Bear River	Idaho	Preston, ID	2033	2033	—
Paris	0.72	1910	703	Exempt	Paris Creek	Idaho	Preston, ID	2017	2024	7
Powser	5.00	1897	2722	8/31/2030	Ogden River	Utah	Ogden, UT	2030	2030	—
Prospect No.1	3.76	1912	2630	4/1/2038	North Fork Rogue River	Oregon	Prospect, OR	2038	2038	—
Prospect No.2	32.00	1928	2630	4/1/2038	North Fork Rogue River	Oregon	Prospect, OR	2038	2038	—
Prospect No.3	7.20	1932	2337	12/31/2018	North Fork Rogue River	Oregon	Prospect, OR	2018	2058	40
Prospect No.4	1.00	1944	2630	4/1/2038	South Fork Rogue River	Oregon	Prospect, OR	2038	2038	—
Santa Clara	18.00	1920	9281	Exempt	Santa Clara River	Utah	St. George, UT	2020	2024	4
Sible Creek	14.00	1924	1927	10/31/2038	North Umpqua River	Oregon	Tokeete Falls, OR	2038	2038	—
Soda	14.00	1924	20	11/30/2033	Bear River	Idaho	Soda, ID	2033	2033	—
Soda Springs	11.00	1952	1927	10/31/2038	North Umpqua River	Oregon	Tokeete Falls, OR	2038	2038	—
Stairs	1.00	1895	597	6/30/2030	Big Cottonwood Creek	Utah	Salt Lake City, UT	2030	2030	—
Swift	240.00	1958	2111	6/1/2058	North Fork Lewis River	Washington	Cougar, WA	2058	2058	—
Tokeete	42.50	1949	1927	10/31/2038	North Umpqua River	Oregon	Tokeete Falls, OR	2038	2038	—
Vepo	0.74	1920	9281	Exempt	Santa Clara River	Utah	St. George, UT	2020	2024	4
Viva Naughton	1.10	1921	308	2/28/2016	Ham's Fork River	Wyoming	Kemmerer, WY	2040	2029	(11)
Willow Falls	3.85	1911	1744	5/31/2020	East Fork Willowa River	Oregon	Joseph, OR	2016	2057	41
Weber	0.60	1908	2082	2/28/2006	Weber River	Utah	Ogden, UT	2020	2060	40
West Side	134.00	1953	2071	6/1/2058	North Fork Lewis River	Washington	Klamath Falls, OR	2020	2058	—
Yale	1.07	1953	2071	6/1/2058	North Fork Lewis River	Washington	Cougar, WA	2058	2058	—

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