

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 193 (Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment) and Proposed Electric Service Schedule No. 194 (Demand Side Management Credit)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DOCKET NO. 18-035-T05</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ORDER</u></p>
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ISSUED: December 6, 2018

On November 9, 2018, PacifiCorp, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power (PacifiCorp), filed with the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) Advice No. 18-06 proposing revisions to its Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 50 (Tariff) reflecting a \$2.1 million reduction¹ in its 2019 demand-side management (DSM) surcharge and a one-time DSM-related customer refund of \$14.5 million (One-Time Refund).

PacifiCorp's filing, supported by five exhibits, proposes the following: 1) revisions to Sheet No. 193.2 of Electric Service Schedule No. 193, Demand Side Management (DSM) Cost Adjustment reflecting a decrease in the overall DSM collection rate from 3.66 percent² to 3.54 percent, effective January 1, 2019; 2) a new Electric Service Schedule No. 194, Demand Side Management (DSM) Credit, effective February 1, 2019, for the purpose of issuing a One-Time Refund to currently active retail tariff customers who were subject to Schedule No. 193 anytime from January 2018 through December 2018;³ and 3) minor administrative revisions to the tariff index of Electric Service Schedules, State of Utah, Sheet No. B1, effective February 1, 2019.

¹ The proposed \$2.1 million DSM surcharge reduction is from \$65.1 million to \$63 million, or 3.3 percent.

² See *Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 193, Demand Side Management (DSM) Cost Adjustment* (Order, issued December 12, 2017); Docket No. 17-035-T13.

³ As proposed, the One-Time Refund will be a single bill credit of 21.5 percent of each qualifying customer's total Schedule No. 193 charges from January 2018 to December 2018, with bill credit processing commencing on February 1, 2019 and ending no later than March 31, 2019. See Electric Service Schedule No. 194, Demand Side Management (DSM) Credit, proposed to be effective February 1, 2019.

According to PacifiCorp, the intent of the proposed surcharge adjustment and One-Time Refund is to bring the variance between DSM collections and expenditures to an acceptable level by December 31, 2019. PacifiCorp states it discussed options to address the balancing account over-collection and forecast with the Utah DSM Steering Committee on October 30, 2018, and all Steering Committee members in attendance⁴ agreed to the rate adjustment and One-Time Refund proposed in this filing.

PacifiCorp calculates the effect of its proposal is to decrease the monthly bill of an average residential customer using approximately 700 kWh of electricity per month by approximately \$0.09, or 0.1 percent. Additionally, PacifiCorp calculates an average credit per household of \$7.30 on customers' February 2019 bills.

On November 13, 2018, the PSC issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period. On November 27, 2018, the DPU and the OCS each filed comments recommending the PSC approve the Schedule No. 193 rate change and the Schedule No. 194 One-Time Refund. According to the DPU, PacifiCorp's proposed changes are just and reasonable, and in the public interest. The DPU calculates the proposed changes would return the DSM balancing account balance to near \$0 by the end of 2019, and the 2019 DSM budget appears to be flexible enough to include additional measure adoption if needed. The OCS supports PacifiCorp's proposal as an appropriate balance of returning over-collected funds to customers and allows some flexibility in the funding of PacifiCorp's ongoing DSM programs.

⁴ According to PacifiCorp, these Steering Committee Members were in attendance: the Division of Public Utilities (DPU), the Office of Consumer Services (OCS), Utah Clean Energy, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, Utah Association of Energy Users, and Western Resource Advocates.

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No party filed reply comments, and the opportunity to do so has since elapsed. No one opposed PacifiCorp's proposal as filed.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

Based on PacifiCorp's Tariff filing and attached exhibits, the parties' comments, and lack of opposition, we find approval of the Schedule No. 193 rates, as filed, and the new Schedule No. 194 One-Time Refund just and reasonable, and in the public interest. Accordingly, we approve the adjustment to Schedule No. 193 rates, effective January 1, 2019 and authorize PacifiCorp to implement the new Schedule No. 194 One-Time Credit, effective February 1, 2019.

ORDER

1. Schedule No. 193, Sheet No. 193.2 is approved as filed, effective January 1, 2019;
2. Schedule No. 194, Sheet No. 194.1 is approved as filed, effective February 1, 2019; and
3. Tariff index of Electric Service Schedules, State of Utah, Sheet No. B1 is approved as filed, effective February 1, 2019.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, December 6, 2018.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this written order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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