- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 140, Non-Residential Energy Efficiency

DOCKET NO. 19-035-T01

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF AND NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

ISSUED: March 8, 2019

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

On February 8, 2019, PacifiCorp filed with the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) Advice No. 19-01, proposing revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 140, Non-Residential Energy Efficiency (Schedule No. 140) of PacifiCorp's Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 50 (Tariff). PacifiCorp requests an effective date of March 11, 2019 for these Tariff modifications. Among other things, PacifiCorp's filing proposes: 1) to change the design of certain lighting system incentives from a kilowatt-hour saved basis to a per-watt reduced basis; 2) to implement incentives based on customer segmentation by size (small, medium, and large); 3) to define the segment size using statistical modeling software and to perform segment calculations quarterly; and 4) to determine customer size by aggregating customer data for each meter within each customer account, with an account with multiple building/meters considered as one customer. PacifiCorp anticipates, among other things, the proposed revisions will result in the same levels of cost effectiveness as the prior incentive portfolio and the same level of participation among high-hour facilities.

In response to the PSC's February 11, 2019 Notice of Filing and Comment Period, the following parties filed comments between February 22 and 25, 2019: the Headquarters Facilities Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU), the Office of Consumer Services, and Utah Clean Energy/Southwest Energy Efficiency

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Project. On March 1, 2019, PacifiCorp filed reply comments. On March 5, 2019, the PSC issued an action request (Action Request) to the DPU requesting an explanation of the analysis supporting the conclusion that the cost effectiveness of the portfolio, large customer participation, and large customer average incentives will remain at basically the same levels with the approval of these Tariff changes.

In its Action Request response, filed on March 7, 2019, the DPU stated that PacifiCorp's DSM filings are based on anticipated outcomes of customer participation. Furthermore, the DPU clarified its initial review comments and explained it did not analyze PacifiCorp's assumptions as part of its review of the filing.

We find that the current record in this docket contains inadequate analysis and support for PacifiCorp's assertion that the Tariff adjustments will provide the same levels of cost effectiveness as the prior incentive portfolio. Consequently, we are unable to conclude the lighting incentive proposal is in the public interest. Accordingly, the Tariff changes PacifiCorp proposes in its application in this docket are suspended and shall not become effective by operation of statute, pending further order from the PSC. The PSC provides notice of a scheduling conference with the purpose of supplementing the record in this docket, either through additional comments or a hearing, on the cost-effectiveness analysis. In connection with that evaluation, we request additional analysis to supplement PacifiCorp's assertions that the proposed Tariff adjustments will provide the same level of participation among high-hour facilities, increased participation among lower-hour facilities, the same average incentive levels for high-hour facilities, and decreased incentives for extremely-high-hour facilities.

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NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

The PSC's designated Presiding Officer will conduct a scheduling conference in this docket on **Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., Fourth Floor Room 401**, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Parties should come prepared to discuss a schedule and process for supplementing the record with the analysis supporting PacifiCorp's conclusions and parties' evaluation of that analysis.

Individuals wishing to participate in the scheduling conference by telephone should contact the PSC two days in advance by calling (801) 530-6716 or (toll free) 1-866-PSC-UTAH (1-866-772-8824) to receive a bridge number and participant passcode. Participants attending by telephone should then call the bridge number five minutes before the scheduling conference, entering the passcode followed by the # sign to ensure participation.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during any proceeding should notify the PSC at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530-6716, at least three working days prior to the conference.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 8, 2019.

/s/ Melanie A. Reif Presiding Officer

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The Order Suspending Tariff is Approved and Confirmed March 8, 2019 as the Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on March 8, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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