

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed  
Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No.  
37, Avoided Cost Purchases from Qualifying  
Facilities

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DOCKET NO. 19-035-T07  
ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

ISSUED: May 29, 2019

On April 30, 2019, PacifiCorp filed with the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) proposed revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 37, Avoided Cost Purchases from Qualifying Facilities (Schedule 37), Sheet Nos. 37.3 through 37.7, with a proposed effective date of June 3, 2019 (Application). Schedule 37 applies to Utah-located cogeneration qualifying facilities (QFs) with a design capacity of 1,000 kilowatts or less and small power production QFs with a design capacity of 3,000 kilowatts or less. PacifiCorp filed the Application pursuant to the PSC's orders in Docket Nos. 08-035-78 and 12-035-T10.<sup>1</sup>

On May 1, 2019, the PSC issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period with comments and reply comments due on or before May 15 and May 22, 2019, respectively.

On May 15, 2019, the Utah Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments concluding that the Application was filed in compliance with PSC orders and the avoided cost calculations were made consistent with the approved method. Accordingly, the DPU recommended the PSC acknowledge the updates to Schedule 37 (May 15 Recommendation).

On May 22, 2019, the DPU filed reply comments modifying its May 15 Recommendation because it became aware of a change in the capacity factor PacifiCorp used to

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<sup>1</sup> See *In the Matter of the Consideration of Changes to Rocky Mountain Power's Schedule No. 135 - Net Metering Service* (Report and Order Directing Tariff Modifications, issued February 12, 2009), Docket No. 08-035-78. See also *In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Rate Changes to Electric Service Schedule No. 37, Avoided Cost Purchases from Qualifying Facilities* (Clarification and Procedural Order, issued November 28, 2012), Docket No. 12-035-T10.

calculate avoided cost prices for thermal generation resources, as identified in PacifiCorp's Quarter 1 2019 Avoided Cost Input Changes Quarterly Compliance Filing (Compliance Filing).<sup>2</sup> According to the DPU, the avoided cost methodology identified in the Compliance Filing is used to determine Schedule 37 avoided cost prices. The DPU asserts the capacity factor modification constitutes a major change in the methodology and is an issue currently under review in the Compliance Filing docket. The DPU therefore recommends that the PSC condition its acknowledgment of the Application on the resolution of the capacity factor modification issue identified in the Compliance Filing.

Because the reply comment deadline related to the capacity factor modification, *i.e.*, June 7, 2019,<sup>3</sup> is after PacifiCorp's proposed effective date of June 3, 2019 for the Application, the Tariff changes PacifiCorp proposes in this docket are suspended and shall not become effective pending further order from the PSC.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, May 29, 2019.

/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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<sup>2</sup> See *Rocky Mountain Power's 2019 Avoided Cost Input Changes Quarterly Compliance Filing* (Comments from Utah Clean Energy, filed May 15, 2019), Docket No. 19-035-18.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*, Notice of Comment Period, issued May 16, 2019.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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