

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of Solicitation Process for 2020 All Source Request for Proposals	<u>DOCKET NO. 20-035-05</u> <u>NOTICE OF DECISION</u>
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ISSUED: July 2, 2020

Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) seeks the Public Service Commission's (PSC) approval of its proposed 2020 All Source Request for Proposals ("RFP") in this docket pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-201 and Utah Admin. Code R746-420.

Consistent with the PSC's Scheduling Order, issued May 4, 2020, the parties filed reply comments on June 15, 2020. Subsequently, on June 18, 2020, RMP filed a Supplemental Reply that significantly revised the RFP. No party filed notice of its objection to the filing. Three days ago, on June 29, 2020, RMP submitted additional changes to the RFP in a letter styled "Corrected Filing," representing all parties had authorized RMP to represent to the PSC that no party opposes the changes. We refer to this final copy of the RFP, attached to the Corrected Filing, as the "Final Proposed RFP."

The Final Proposed RFP retains earlier iterations' schedule to issue to market on July 6, 2020. To allow RMP and stakeholders to proceed without uncertainty, the PSC gives notice of its decision to approve RMP's proposed solicitation process<sup>1</sup> as expressed in the Final Proposed

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<sup>1</sup> With RMP's Supplemental Reply addressing the scoring of bids relative to their reliance on Gateway South, an issue that could have prevented our approval of the solicitation process, our remaining meaningful concern is whether BTA and PPA bids will be evaluated in a way that fully accounts for unique risks, benefits, and other distinct attributes associated with each bid type. These risks, benefits, and attributes include, without limitation, federal and state tax credits and the potential for increases in the Wyoming wind tax. We recognize the solicitation process requires time to ensure it identifies and procures resources that are in the public interest by the date of customers' projected need, and the Independent Evaluator has already characterized the RFP's schedule as "aggressive." Therefore, this concern does not drive us to withhold approval or to delay the solicitation process by suggesting a modification at this stage, but parties should be aware that if winning bids are submitted to the PSC for approval without RMP having conducted an adequate evaluation of the unique risks, benefits, and other distinct

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RFP. The PSC is working to commit its findings and conclusions to writing and will issue a final written order in the near future.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, July 2, 2020.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
PSC Secretary  
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attributes associated with BTA and PPA bids, that deficiency could later be a basis for our disapproval of the winning resources under Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-302. These issues will be addressed more fully in our future written order.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on July 2, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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