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Attention: Gary Widerburg

Commission Administrator

RE: Docket No. 21-035-16

Collaborative Stakeholder Process for Rocky Mountain Power's Grid Modernization and Rate Design

Rocky Mountain Power's Comments on Division of Public Utilities Status Report

In accordance with the Notice of Filing and Comment Period issued by the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") on July 28, 2023, PacifiCorp d.b.a. Rocky Mountain Power ("the Company") submits its comments in response to the collaborative process status report ("Report") filed on July 27, 2023, by the Division of Public Utilities ("Division").

Response to Division's Status Report

The Company appreciates the Division for its role in facilitating the collaborative process, specifically in scheduling meetings, facilitating technical assistance and submitting progress reports. Although no agreements were reached, the Company also believes this process with the collaborative stakeholders was mutually beneficial for all parties involved.

The Company initially recommended a collaborative review process to explore alternative cost of service methodologies and rate designs. The scope was expanded to include topics related to grid modernization. While no explicit consensus was achieved on any particular topic, the Company believes that the dialog between stakeholders was fruitful and helped everyone involved gain a better understanding of the diverse views each party holds. During the pendency of the collaborative, a greater shared understanding of different perspectives was established that would have been challenging to achieve in the context of a contested regulatory proceeding. It is the Company's hope that the work accomplished through this effort will be useful for parties in future rate cases and potentially help to facilitate settlement on some of these important topics.

Conclusion

Although a settlement was not reached, the Company is optimistic that the shared knowledge will support continued efforts and facilitate future improvements. The Company agrees with the Division that while the Collaborative was useful and informative, it has reached its natural conclusion.

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Sincerely,

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