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PacifiCorp's 2023 Integrated Resource  
Plan

DOCKET NO. 23-035-10

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR  
EXTENSION TO FILE

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ISSUED: March 28, 2023

**Procedural History and Background**

On March 2, 2023, PacifiCorp filed a request (“Request”) with the Public Service Commission (PSC) for an extension to file its 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (“2023 IRP”). The PSC previously established March 31 of each odd numbered year (the “Filing Date”) as the deadline for PacifiCorp to file its integrated resource plan (IRP).<sup>1</sup> PacifiCorp explains it is currently finalizing model results for the preferred portfolio and will not be able to present the modeling results to stakeholders before the Filing Date. PacifiCorp explains that recent events have required revisions to model inputs and constraints, adding considerable time to the verification of the accuracy of the outputs. This, in turn, jeopardizes stakeholders’ meaningful review before the Filing Date. PacifiCorp states it is prepared to file the 2023 IRP on the Filing Date as required; however, based on the timing of the final IRP results and the preferred portfolio, PacifiCorp is concerned stakeholders will not have been given the opportunity for meaningful review before the 2023 IRP is filed. Accordingly, PacifiCorp

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<sup>1</sup> In Report and Order dated April 1, 2010, in Docket No. 09-2035-01, the PSC established March 31 of “each odd year” as the filing date applicable for PacifiCorp’s IRP filings. “No party opposes [PacifiCorp]’s proposed IRP filing date of March 31 of each odd year. We find it reasonable to have a firm date to enable better scheduling of the process and to ensure timely completion of future IRPs and therefore accept this filing date.” *In the Matter of the Acknowledgment of PacifiCorp’s Integrated Resource Plan*, Docket No. 09-2035-01, Report and Order issued April 1, 2010 at 57.

requests the PSC grant a two-month extension and proposes a schedule to allow for additional and preliminary stakeholder review before the PSC reviews the 2023 IRP for acknowledgment as follows:

March 31, 2023 – File preliminary 2023 IRP with the PSC on an informational basis with non-confidential information.

April 30, 2023 – Deadline for stakeholders to submit comments and feedback directly to PacifiCorp through the established public input meeting process.

May 31, 2023 – File final 2023 IRP.

On March 3, 2023, the PSC issued a Notice and Request for Comments. Subsequently, on March 9, 2023, Utah Citizens Advocating Renewable Energy and the Utah Environmental Caucus filed comments in support of the Request. On March 10, 2023, Western Resource Advocates, the Division of Public Utilities, and the Office of Consumer Services filed comments in support of the Request. Likewise, on March 10, 2023, Joan Entwistle, a customer of PacifiCorp, dba Rocky Mountain Power in Utah, filed comments in support of the Request.

### **Discussion, Findings, and Conclusions**

Though numerous stakeholders express concerns about the IRP process and information they would like to see included in the 2023 IRP, all comments filed in response to the Request support the PSC granting it.

The PSC acknowledges stakeholders' concerns regarding the need for a consistent, dependable filing date for PacifiCorp's IRP and their desire to see certain,

specific information included. However, the matter presently before the PSC is the Request for an extension of time, and we decline to consider any proposed changes to the IRP process or to impose additional requirements on the utility at this juncture.

The PSC also recognizes the most fundamental objective of this process is to obtain an accurate, complete, and useful IRP that is informed by appropriate and thorough stakeholder input. Here, all stakeholders appear to acknowledge that achieving that objective requires PacifiCorp's requested extension.

Accordingly, having reviewed the Request, the comments, and the unanimous support expressed therein, the PSC finds and concludes that granting the Request is reasonable and in the public interest.

**Order**

The Request is granted, and the following proposed alternative schedule is approved.

- March 31, 2023 – File preliminary 2023 IRP with the PSC on an informational basis with non-confidential information.
- April 30, 2023 – Deadline for stakeholders to submit comments and feedback directly to PacifiCorp through the established public input meeting process.
- May 31, 2023 – File final 2023 IRP.

PacifiCorp shall make every effort to timely respond to requests for information during the March 31 to April 30 comment period.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 28, 2023.

/s/ Michael J. Hammer  
Presiding Officer

Attest:

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I CERTIFY that on March 28, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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