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## UCARE Questions for Docket 23-035-10 Technical Conference

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Dear Commissioners and Ms. Saba,

Copied below please find questions submitted by Utah Citizens Advocating Renewable Energy (UCARE) for consideration at the October 24, 2023 technical conference for Utah PSC Docket #23-035-10. UCARE will be glad to offer clarification of the questions, if needed, prior to the technical conference.

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1. Would you please provide itemized data, in text and graphic depiction, that describes the specific energy resources mix and capacity resources mix –current and 2028 [preferred portfolio]-- for each of the Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) states. This data should help interested customers and renewable energy advocates better understand their state's relative status in the PacifiCorp grid and identify resource areas where each state's energy portfolio objectives can be met or may require initiatives. The 2023 IRP process presents a pivotal moment for PacifiCorp to clearly present this data, since 2023 IRP Volume I [pgs. 54-55] acknowledges that "as state energy policy continues to evolve...it appears infeasible to continue serving customers with a common generation portfolio and dynamically allocated system costs."
2. Would you please present data from the Multi-State Process' (MSP) current iteration explaining what could happen to current allocation of costs and benefits from Colstrip Unit 4 and Jim Bridger Units 1-4 and from the Chehalis and Hermiston units if Washington's allocation changes with expiration of the WIJAM / 2020 PacifiCorp Protocol after December 21, 2023. [see Vol II, p. 409]. How might RMP's energy mix and capacity mix numbers change; and, how might RMP's Utah ratepayers be impacted?
3. Would you please describe what data model and/or methodology PacifiCorp-RMP uses to determine that "cost shifting" has not occurred as an IRP is implemented? For example, how has PacifiCorp/RMP

- convinced the Utah Public Service Commission that \$50 million from [PacifiCorp] customers to cover costs of Utah's Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Amendments (HB 396; see 2023 IRP Vol I, p.74) not unduly shifted costs to customers that do not own or operate EVs?
4. Would you please provide data disclosing cost allocation of wildfire and extreme weather mitigation measures and resources across the six-state PacifiCorp grid network? The data should explain how these measures and resources are monetized and how costs are projected to affect PacifiCorp customers' utility rates collectively and also by state jurisdictional rate schedules over the IRP's 20-year horizon.
  5. For purposes of analyzing costs that might be added and shared during the 2023 IRP process and in subsequent IRPs, would you please explain how PacifiCorp distinguishes between potential third-party Wildfire Claims expenses anticipated in Utah PSC Docket 23-035-30 [withdrawn], Wildland Fire Mitigation expenses now under consideration in Utah PSC Docket 23-035-27, Insurance Costs now being considered in Utah PSC Docket 23-035-40, and those wildfire-related costs actually included in the 2023 IRP?
  6. With some wildfire mitigation expenses doubling between 2021 and 2022 [see OCS Attachment 1.2-1 in 23-035-27] and insurance expenses increasing tenfold since last year [see RMP filing in 23-035-40], would you please describe the extent to which RMP is concerned that ratepayers' exposure to these growing climate-change related costs should be considered within the context of RMP-PacifiCorp's near-term IRP choices between fossil fuel resources and those resources of proven, non-nuclear renewable energy generation and storage? Does RMP acknowledge that expenses addressed in Utah PSC Dockets 23-035-30, 23-035-27, and 23-035-40 are related to decisions made during past, current, and future integrated resource plans?
  7. Would you please explain what data and/or regulatory directives [current or potential] drive PacifiCorp and RMP policy(ies) and regulatory relief requests as decisions are made whether to include specific costs and associated ratepayer allocations within an IRP or, instead, to request "deferred accounts" for specific costs such as those to cover increasing insurance premiums?
  8. Though only passing reference is made to insurance costs in the 2023 IRP [see Vol. 1, p.194], the issue is raised. Would you please explain which PacifiCorp insurance costs are to be covered exclusively by its ratepayers...residential and commercial; and how PacifiCorp will ensure equitable sharing of insurance costs between customer groups and across state regulatory jurisdictions? How will that be reflected in data gathering for the 2025 IRP?
  9. Would you please describe how and when actual, incremental progress in developing proposed nuclear EGU resources and their associated required fuel supplies and disposal facilities will be assessed and reported by PacifiCorp, RMP, TerraPower, and other parties?

Thank you.