



PacifiCorp's Application for Waivers of Solicitation Process and Significant Energy Resource Decision Requirements



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Public Service Commission of Utah
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Schedule 34

- Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-806 authorized the UPSC to implement a renewable energy tariff for qualifying customers
- A new renewable energy tariff – Schedule 34 - was approved by the Public Service Commission of Utah in August 2016 in Docket No. 16-035-T09
- Schedule 34 governs contract guidelines for PacifiCorp to acquire renewable energy on behalf of the Schedule 34 customer
- In Docket No. 16-035-27 the Company filed for approval of its first Schedule 34 contract with qualifying customer Facebook, Inc. (currently known as Meta Platforms, LLC)
 - The UPSC approved the renewable energy service contract (RESC) in August 2016

Faraday Resource

- On January 20, 2023, PacifiCorp executed a purchase power agreement and battery storage agreement for the Faraday solar and battery storage project (Faraday Project)
 - Located in Utah County, Utah
 - 525 MW of solar output and 150 MW battery storage with 4-hour duration
 - Expected commercial operation dates: solar – September 30, 2025
battery – June 1, 2026
- The Faraday Project is the 7th resource that has been procured under a Schedule 34 contract

Meta's Schedule 34 Resources

SCHEDULE 34 CONTRACT (RENEWABLE ENERGY SERVICE AGREEMENT)

Sept. 9, 2019

- Cove Mountain Solar 2

Aug. 13, 2020

- Graphite Solar I
- Horseshoe Solar
- Rocket Solar

June 30, 2021

- Appaloosa Solar A
- Appaloosa Solar B

March 6, 2023

- Faraday Solar and Battery Storage



Significant Energy Resource

- Due to its size, the Faraday Project qualifies as a significant energy resource under Utah Code, triggering solicitation and preapproval requirements:
 - Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-102(4) a “significant energy resource” is defined as “a total of 100 megawatts or more of new generating capacity that has a dependable life of 10 or more years”
 - Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-502(1) modifies the resource approval process for renewable energy sources to include only projects with a nameplate capacity of 300 MW or more

Requested Waivers

- Utah Code 54-17-501 and Utah Admin. Code R746-430-4 allows an electrical utility to obtain a waiver of the requirement that it conduct a solicitation process under Part 2, Solicitation Process, or the requirement that it obtain approval of a significant energy resource decision under Part 3, Resource Plans and Significant Energy Resource Approval, if the commission determines that waiving the requirement is in the public interest because there exists:
 - (a) a clear emergency;
 - (b) a time-limited commercial or technical opportunity that provides value to the customers of the affected electrical utility; or
 - (c) any other factor that makes waiving the requirement in the public interest



Public Interest

- The terms of the approved Schedule 34 contract provide protections to PacifiCorp's other customers from cost shifting
- Meta has selected and is required to pay for the resource consistent with Utah Code, Schedule 34 and the governing contracts.
- Meta is also responsible for the costs associated with the resource in the event of default as governed by the terms of the contracts



Discussion and Questions

