

1 **UTAH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION - MELISSA PASCHAL**
2 **DOCKET NO. 25-035-51, 10-30-2025 HEARING**
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5 Michael Hammer: [0:00] Great. We'll go on the record. This hearing is being recorded for
6 later transcription. We do not have a court reporter present. We are here
7 for the virtual hearing scheduled in the application of Rocky Mountain
8 Power for approval of the first amendment to the power purchase
9 agreement between PacificCorp and Tesoro Refining and Marketing
10 Company. It's Commission Docket Number 25-035-51. My name is
11 Michael Hammer and I'm the Commission's designated presiding officer.
12 We'll go ahead and take appearances, please, beginning with Rocky
13 Mountain Power.
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15 Katherine Smith: [0:29] Yes. Hi. Hello. Katherine Smith on behalf of Rocky Mountain
16 Power. With me today is Aivars Meldrajs.
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18 Michael Hammer: [0:41] And for the Division of Public Utilities.
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20 Patrick Grecu: [0:43] Patrick Grecu, assistant attorney general representing the Division
21 and the Division's witness this morning is Tamra Dayley.
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23 Michael Hammer: [0:53] And we have no other parties present. Correct?
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25 Patrick Grecu: [0:57] Correct.
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27 Michael Hammer: [0:57] All right. Is there anything we need to address before Rocky
28 Mountain Power calls its first witness? All right. Miss Smith, go ahead.
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30 Katherine Smith: [1:09] Thank you. Rocky Mountain Power would like to call Mr. Aivars
31 Meldrajs as company witness.
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33 Michael Hammer: [1:17] Mr. Meldrajs, do you solemnly swear that the evidence you will
34 give in this issue shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
35 truth, so help you God?
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37 Aivars Meldrajs: [1:24] Yes.
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39 Michael Hammer: [1:25] Thank you. Go ahead, Miss Smith.
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41 Katherine Smith: [1:28] Thank you. Mr. Meldrajs, please state and spell your name for the
42 record.
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44 Aivars Meldrajs: [1:32] Aivars Meldrajs, spelled A-I-V-A-R-S M-E-L-D-R-A-J-S.
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46 Katherine Smith: [1:41] By whom are you employed and what is your business address?

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2 Aivars Meldrajs: [1:45] I'm employed by PacificCorp at 825 Northeast Multnomah Street,
3 Portland, Oregon, 97332.
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5 Katherine Smith: [1:55] And can you please explain your position with Rocky Mountain
6 Power – or PacificCorp?
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8 Aivars Meldrajs: [2:00] My current role is senior power marketer.
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10 Katherine Smith: [2:03] Thank you. And can you please briefly describe your education and
11 business experience?
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13 Aivars Meldrajs: [2:08] I graduated from University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts
14 Degree in Business Administration. I joined PacificCorp in 2022 and
15 assumed the responsibilities of my current position in October 2025. Over
16 this period, I've held positions in valuation and origination for the
17 company.
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19 Katherine Smith: [2:29] In your position, have you had the opportunity to review the
20 application and relevant exhibits in this proceeding?
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22 Aivars Meldrajs: [2:35] Yes.
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24 Katherine Smith: [2:36] Have you prepared a statement regarding your review of these
25 materials?
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27 Aivars Meldrajs: [2:40] Yes.
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29 Katherine Smith: [2:41] Can you please provide that summary for the Commission?
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31 Aivars Meldrajs: [2:44] Sure. Good morning, Mr. Hammer. I present today for Commission
32 approval the amendment to the Pac-, to the qualifying facility purchase
33 power agreement between Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company,
34 LLC, and PacificCorp. The original agreement, which was filed on
35 October 3, 2024, and approved on January 15, 2025, in Docket Number
36 24-035-49 had a term of 12 months beginning January 1, 2025, through
37 December 31, 2025. The agreement is for the energy to be generated by
38 Tesoro up to 25 megawatts from a gas-fired generation facility owned by
39 Tesoro located in Salt Lake City, Utah. The amendment for which the
40 company seeks approval in this docket is the first amendment, which
41 extends the terms of the agreement for 12 months, ending December 31,
42 2026. The purchase prices set forth in the amendment are calculated using
43 the approved Schedule 38 methodology, using input assumptions from
44 May – the May 7, 2025, filing in Docket Number 25-035-30. Through
45 comments filed on October 7, 2025, the Division of Public Utilities
46 supported the Commission's approval of the amendment. The Division

1 also reaffirms its recommendation that the company provide the grid or
2 other modeling outputs and Excel spreadsheets supporting the price
3 calculation along with showing avoided c-, line loss calculations. The
4 Division also recommends the company continue to provide, at least
5 quarterly, hourly purchase r-, purchase power reports. The company
6 agrees to these continued recommendations. The amendment is compliant
7 with relevant Commission orders and approval is in the public interest.
8 With the current term set to expire December 31, 2025, I respectfully
9 request the Commission issue its order in these proceedings by December
10 31, 2025, if possible, so that no time lapses between agreements. That
11 concludes my summary today.
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13 Katherine Smith: [5:10] Thank you. Your Honor, I would like to move for admission in this
14 docket the company's application and Work Papers 1 through 4, with the
15 amendment, Work Paper 2, and Work Paper 4 marked as confidential.
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17 Michael Hammer: [5:22] They're admitted.
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19 Katherine Smith: [5:24] Thank you. This witness is available for cross-examination and
20 questions.
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22 Michael Hammer: [5:30] Mr. Grecu?
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24 Patrick Grecu: [5:31] I don't have any questions. Thank you.
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26 Michael Hammer: [5:33] And I have no questions for you, Mr. Meldrajs. Thank you.
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28 Aivars Meldrajs: [5:37] Thank you.
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30 Michael Hammer: [5:39] Any other witnesses, Miss Smith?
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32 Katherine Smith: [5:41] No.
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34 Michael Hammer: [5:42] All right. We'll go to you, Mr. Grecu.
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36 Patrick Grecu: [5:45] Thank you. The Division calls Ms. Tamra Dayley.
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38 Michael Hammer: [5:50] Ms...
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40 Tamra Dayley: [5:50] Good morning.
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42 Michael Hammer: [5:51] ...Dayley – good morning. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole
43 truth, and nothing but the truth?
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45 Tamra Dayley: [5:55] Yes.
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1 Michael Hammer: [5:58] All right. Go ahead, Mr. Grecu.
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3 Patrick Grecu: [5:59] Thank you. Ms. Dayley, could you please state and spell your name
4 for the record?
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6 Tamra Dayley: [6:04] My name is Tamra Dayley, spelled T-A-M-R-A D-A-Y-L-E-Y.
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8 Patrick Grecu: [6:12] And by whom are you employed?
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10 Tamra Dayley: [6:14] Utah Division of Public Utilities.
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12 Patrick Grecu: [6:18] And what is your business address?
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14 Tamra Dayley: [6:20] The business address is Heber Wells Building, 160 East 300 South,
15 Fourth Floor, Salt Lake City, Utah.
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17 Patrick Grecu: [6:30] And what is your position at the Division?
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19 Tamra Dayley: [6:31] I am a utility analyst.
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21 Patrick Grecu: [6:34] Could you provide just a brief overview of your educational
22 background and relevant work experience?
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24 Tamra Dayley: [6:40] Yes. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Brigham
25 Young University. I am a licensed CPA. I have 25 years of professional
26 accounting and finance work in the banking industry, 20 years of
27 government leadership experience as an elected city council member, and
28 15 years of state government experience with various state agencies and
29 finance, audit, contract compliance, and regulatory compliance. And I've
30 been with the Division for three years.
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32 Patrick Grecu: [7:08] And have you participated in this docket on behalf of the Division?
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34 Tamra Dayley: [7:12] Yes, I have.
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36 Patrick Grecu: [7:14] And did you review the company's application, executed first
37 amendment to the PPA, and the work papers in this docket?
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39 Tamra Dayley: [7:21] Yes.
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41 Patrick Grecu: [7:23] Can you please just provide a brief description of how you
42 evaluated the application?
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44 Tamra Dayley: [7:28] I reviewed the Rocky Mountain Power application that includes the
45 first amendment to the Tesoro Power Purchase Agreement in conjunction

1 with the required quarterly reportings. The agreement was also studied in
2 compliance – for compliance with the Utah Code and Commission orders.
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4 Patrick Grecu: [7:47] And did you prepare and cause to be filed the Division's comments,
5 which were filed on October 7, 2025?
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7 Tamra Dayley: [7:54] Yes.
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9 Patrick Grecu: [7:55] Do you have any changes or corrections to that filing?
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11 Tamra Dayley: [7:58] No.
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13 Patrick Grecu: [7:59] And do you [adopt the 8:00] confidence of that filing as part of your
14 testimony today?
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16 Tamra Dayley: [8:03] Yes.
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18 Patrick Grecu: [8:04] I'd like to move to admit the Division's comments, which were filed
19 on October 7, 2025.
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21 Michael Hammer: [8:10] They're admitted.
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23 Patrick Grecu: [8:12] Thank you. And Ms. Dayley, based on your review of the filing,
24 would approval of the application be just, reasonable, and in the public
25 interest?
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27 Tamra Dayley: [8:20] Yes.
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29 Patrick Grecu: [8:23] Do you have a summary to share today?
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31 Tamra Dayley: [8:25] Yes, I have. And thank you. The Division has reviewed the
32 company's application, the executed first amendment to the power
33 purchase agreement, PPA, between PacificCorp and Tesoro Refining and
34 Marketing Company, LLC, and supporting work papers. This amendment
35 extends the PPA agreement for a 12-month term from January 1, 2026,
36 through December 31, 2026. Based upon its review, the Division
37 recommends the Commission approve the first amendment to the PPA.
38 The Division also recommends that Rocky Mountain Power continue to
39 provide reports, at least quarterly, of hourly purchase – power purchased
40 to allow the Division to continue to monitor this contract. The terms of the
41 agreement comply with the Commission's guidelines and orders in
42 Dockets Number 03-35-14 and 12-35-100. The remaining contractual
43 arrangements and facts in this matter, in particular the method for
44 calculating the avoided energy costs, have been previously found by the
45 Commission to be just and reasonable and in the public interest. The
46 Division concludes that the Commission's approval of the first amendment

1 to the PPA would be just and reasonable and in the public interest. This
2 concludes my summary.
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4 Patrick Grecu: [9:51] Thank you. The witness is now available for cross-examination and
5 questions from the hearing officer.
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7 Michael Hammer: [9:56] Miss Smith?
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9 Katherine Smith: [9:57] No questions.
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11 Michael Hammer: [9:59] And I have none. Thank you, Ms. Dayley.
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13 Tamra Dayley: [10:01] Thank you.
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15 Michael Hammer: [10:02] No other witnesses, Mr. Grecu?
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17 Patrick Grecu: [10:04] Nothing further from the Division. Thank you.
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19 Michael Hammer: [10:07] All right. Is there anything from either party further before we
20 adjourn?
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22 Katherine Smith: [10:13] Nothing...
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24 Michael Hammer: [10:13] All right.
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26 Katherine Smith: [10:13] ...from the company.
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28 Michael Hammer: [10:16] Thank you, everyone. Have a wonderful morning. We're
29 adjourned.
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31 Patrick Grecu: [10:19] Thank you.
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33 Katherine Smith: [10:19] Thank you.
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35 Aivars Meldrajs: [10:20] Thank you.
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