

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of PACIFICORP'S Integrated Resource)
Plan, RAMPP-6)

DOCKET NO. 98-2035-05

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

ISSUED: November 8, 2001

SYNOPSIS

The Commission requests comments from interested parties on RAMPP-6 acknowledgment due December 10, 2001.

By The Commission:

On July 5, 2001, PacifiCorp submitted its sixth Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) entitled Resource and Marketing Planning Program (RAMPP-6) to the Utah Public Service Commission as required by our June 18, 1992 Order in Docket No. 90-2035-01 which promulgated our Standards and Guidelines for IRP. The submission originally due December 31, 1999 was extended for a year at the Company's request so the Company could better prepare the report and incorporate the many changes that were occurring in the industry.

There is renewed interest in the IRP process given that the Company requires new resources in order to meet its retail and wholesale sales obligations. The Company has expressed interest in revising its planning process to be more flexible, up-to-date and consistent with its business strategy. One of the biggest criticisms of the process, leveled primarily by the Company, is the lack of a regulatory environment that can respond to changing economic conditions and real time planning needs.

The Commission is interested in the validity of RAMPP-6's evaluation of resources as well as comments on how to make the IRP process more amenable to changing industry conditions. We invited interested parties to make comment on the appropriateness of the RAMPP-6 report and to make recommendations on whether the Commission should acknowledge the plan. We are interested in whether the Company met its requirements for its granted delay as outlined in our February 11, 1999 order. We desire comment on whether the action plan outlined in RAMPP-6 can be an adequate tool for judging the prudence of future acquisitions. In addition, we request comments and suggestions on how the planning process can better reflect the changing business environment and coincide with the Company's actual business strategy. Please provide your recommendation on whether this requires revamping IRP Standards and Guidelines or if the changes can be made within the existing guidelines.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

The Commission hereby orders that comments on the acknowledgment of RAMPP-6, the Company IRP, be submitted by interested parties by December 10, 2001. In addition, the Commission welcomes comments and recommendations on how to make the planning process more flexible to the changing industry environment.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 8th day of November, 2001.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Richard M. Campbell, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard

Commission Secretary

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