The Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) observes that 2017 marks the approximate midway point between the 2008 enactment of Part 6, Carbon Emissions Reductions for Electrical Corporations of the Energy Resource Procurement Act (Act), codified at Utah Code Ann. §§ 54-17-601 to -607 (Part 6), and the PSC’s July 1, 2027 deadline for its report to the Legislature required by Section 54-17-604(8)(a) of the Act. The PSC has also reviewed the Division of Public Utilities’ (DPU) 2011 and 2016 renewable energy progress reports filed with the Legislature pursuant to Part 6. The PSC appreciates the DPU’s work in preparing these reports as well as the DPU’s collaboration with PacifiCorp, the Utah Rural Electric Association, and several rural electric cooperatives.

Part 6 of the Act, in pertinent part, directs the PSC to “establish a process for issuance or recognition of a renewable energy certificate [(REC)].” In recent years, the PSC has approved the use of the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) for management and tracking of RECs in PacifiCorp’s Blue Sky Program and Subscriber Solar

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1 See Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-604(8)(a) (LexisNexis 2010) (“By July 1, 2027, the [PSC] shall submit to the Legislature a report summarizing the final progress reports and recommending any legislative changes.”).
2 See id. §§ 54-17-604(6) and -604(7).
3 See id. § 54-17-603(1).
4 See Rocky Mountain Power Electric Service Schedule No. 70 (Renewable Energy Rider – Optional) (Special Conditions 5: “Beginning February 1, 2008, all RECs purchased under the program must conform with Green-e Energy national standards and be Green-e certified or Green-e certifiable. Beginning January 1, 2009, all RECs purchased are expected to be registered with . . . (WREGIS) or as otherwise approved by the [PSC] of Utah given
Program,\(^5\) and in several power purchase agreements between PacifiCorp and qualifying facilities.\(^6\) Additionally, the PSC has recognized PacifiCorp’s use of WREGIS for managing RECs for its Renewable Energy Balancing Account.\(^7\) These examples satisfy the Legislature’s directive to the PSC, under Part 6 of the Act, to establish a process for recognition of RECs.\(^8\) Further, Part 6 permits the PSC to allow WREGIS to fulfill this statutory role.\(^9\)

The PSC desires to ensure that parties have clear guidance on the PSC’s established process for issuance or recognition of RECs. Accordingly, the PSC seeks comments on this issue and whether any stakeholder believes additional PSC action is appropriate with respect to Part 6 of the Act.

Any interested stakeholder may submit comments on or before **Thursday, June 1, 2017**.
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