

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN) CASE NO. PAC-E-24-05
POWER’S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL)
OF \$62.4 MILLION ECAM DEFERRAL) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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) **NOTICE OF**
) **MODIFIED PROCEDURE**
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) **ORDER NO. 36153**

On April 1, 2024, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (“Company”), applied for Commission authorization to adjust its rates under the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (“ECAM”). Specifically, the Company seeks approval of approximately \$62.4 million in ECAM deferral for the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, with a 10.5 percent increase to Electric Service Schedule No. 94, Energy Cost Adjustment. The monthly bill for a typical residential customer using 783 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month would increase by \$7.39. The Company requests its proposed adjustment be processed by Modified Procedure and become effective on June 1, 2024.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, establishing public comment and Company reply deadlines.

BACKGROUND

The ECAM allows the Company to increase or decrease its rates each year to reflect changes in the Company’s power supply costs. These costs vary by year with changes in the Company’s fuel (gas and coal) costs, surplus power sales, power purchases, and associated transmission costs. Each month, the Company tracks the difference between the actual net power costs (“NPC”) it incurred to serve customers, and the embedded (or base) NPC it collected from customers through base rates. The Company defers the difference between actual NPC and base NPC into a balancing account for treatment at the end of the yearly deferral period. At that time, the ECAM allows the Company to credit or collect the difference between actual NPC and base NPC through a decrease or increase in customer rates. Neither the Company nor its shareholders will receive any financial return because of this filing.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, besides the NPC difference, this year's ECAM includes: (1) the Load Change Adjustment Revenues; (2) coal stripping costs under Emerging Issues Task Force 04-6; (3) Renewable Energy Credit revenues; (4) Production Tax Credits; (5) the reasonable energy price, as defined in the 2020 Protocol; (6) qualified facility costs; and (7) wind availability liquidated damages.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company seeks an order approving its request for \$62.4 million ECAM deferral; and (2) a 10.5 percent increase to Electric Service schedule No. 94. The company represents that, if its proposal is approved, prices for customer classes would *increase* as follows:

- Residential Schedule 1 – (7.6%)
- Residential Schedule 36, Optional Time-of-Day Service – (8.7%)
- General Service Schedule 6 – (10.7%)
- General Service Schedule 9 – (13.1%)
- Irrigation Service Schedule 10 – (9.5%)
- General Service Schedule 23 – (9.0%)
- General Service Schedule 35 – (10.3%)
- Public Street Lighting – (5.2%)
- Tariff Contract, Schedule 400 – (13.5%)

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and Attachments are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "ELECTRIC" icon, select "Open Cases," then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and it will review the case through written

submissions under the Commission’s Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201-204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why they support or oppose the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until May 14, 2024, to file written comments.** Comments must be filed through the Commission’s website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission’s website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the “Case Comment Form” and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

To file by e-mail, persons must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and all parties at the e-mail addresses listed below. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and the Parties at the addresses below. Persons submitting a comment by mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the parties must file any reply comments **by May 21, 2024.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

ORDER

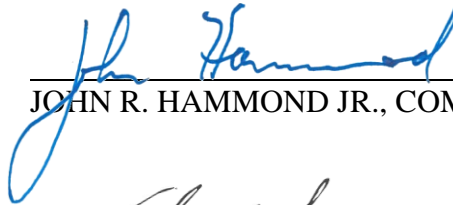
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by May 14, 2024. The parties must file any reply comments by May 21, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 23rd day of April 2024.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT



JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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