

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN) CASE NO. PAC-E-19-15
POWER’S APPLICATION TO MODIFY)
ELECTRIC SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. 31)
PARTIAL REQUIREMENTS SERVICE) ORDER NO. 34553
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On October 10, 2019, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power (“Rocky Mountain” or “Company”) filed an Application requesting the Commission approve modifications to its Electric Service Schedule No. 31-Partial Requirements Service–High Voltage (“Partial Requirements Service”), to add an option for customers taking service at distribution voltage levels. The Company requested that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

On November 8, 2019, the Commission issued its Notice of Application, Notice of Modified Procedure and Order. Order No. 34477. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Staff (“Staff”) submitted the only comments in this case and supported the Company’s Application. Rocky Mountain did not reply.

With this Order we approve the Company’s Application.

THE APPLICATION

In its Application, Rocky Mountain asserts Partial Requirements Service is designed for customers with onsite generation. *Application* at 2. The Company states this service “consists of Supplementary, Back-up, Maintenance, or Excess Power service.” *Id.* Rocky Mountain represents customers currently contract for Partial Requirements Service for a minimum of one year. *Id.*

Rocky Mountain asserts Partial Requirements Service is currently only available to transmission customers with loads up to 15,000 kW. *Id.* However, the Company states it has been contacted by a customer that takes service at a distribution voltage level who is interested in Partial Requirements Service. *Id.* at 3. As a result, Rocky Mountain requests Commission authority to expand Schedule No. 31 to enable customers served at distribution voltages to take service under its terms and conditions. *Id.* The Company believes this will also provide more transparency for customers to evaluate their options as they consider self-generation. *Id.* Accordingly, the Company proposes to add two additional rates to Schedule No. 31: Secondary Service for customers taking service under 2300 volts; and Primary Service for distribution service of 2300

volts or higher. *Id.* Rocky Mountain asserts the rates for these distribution service options were designed based upon the prices for full requirements service under Electric Service Schedule No. 6-General Service, (“Schedule 6”). *Id.* The Company asserts this same logic was used to develop current Schedule No. 31 prices for transmission voltage customers based upon Schedule 9. *Id.* Rocky Mountain also represents that like the transmission voltage rates, the proposed rates for partial requirements services for distribution voltage service are based upon the Company’s most recently filed cost of service study in Case No. PAC-E-11-12. *Id.* at 3-4.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff recommends the Commission approve the Company's request to add primary and secondary distribution level service to Electric Service Schedule No. 31. *Staff Comments* at 2. Staff based its recommendation on two factors. First, Staff believes that expanding this service allows a broader range of customers the opportunity to self-generate. *Id.* Second, Staff determined that the proposed rates should cover the cost of the service. *Id.* Consequently, implementation of the proposed rates will not shift costs to the Company's other customers. *Id.* Staff states that by expanding partial requirements service, the Company avoids discriminating against customers who wish to self-generate, but only have access to distribution level service. *Id.* Customers considering self-generation as a viable option may require access to back-up, maintenance, or supplementary service to cover equipment outages or energy needs in excess of their self-generation capabilities. *Id.* Staff expects no adverse impact to the Company's other customers by expanding this service to customers that request it. *Id.*

Staff verified that the method used to calculate the current Partial Requirements Service, Schedule No. 31 rates for high voltage transmission customers was the same method the Company used to calculate the rates for this proposal. *Id.* Staff also states the Partial Requirements Service rates for distribution level customers under this proposal were based on costs needed to serve full requirement service under Schedule No. 6. *Id.* at 3. Staff also verified that all Partial Requirements Service rates, proposed and current, are based upon the Company's most recently filed cost of service study in Case No. PAC-E-11-12. *Id.*

COMMISSION DECISION

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under *Idaho Code* §§ 61-119, 61-129, 61-501, 61-502, and 61-503. The Commission is vested with the power to “supervise and regulate every public utility in the state and to do all things necessary to carry out the spirit and

intent of the [Public Utilities Law].” *Idaho Code* § 61-501. The Commission is empowered to investigate rates, charges, rules, regulations, practices, and contracts of public utilities and to determine whether they are just, reasonable, preferential, discriminatory, or in violation of any provision of law, and to fix the same by order. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502 and 61-503.

The Commission has reviewed the Application, attachments, and the comments of Staff. Based upon our review, we have determined it is fair, just and reasonable to approve Rocky Mountain’s Application and the modifications to its Electric Service Schedule No. 31, Partial Requirements Service as set forth therein, which includes Partial Requirements Service rates for Secondary Service for customers taking service under 2300 volts; and Primary Service for distribution service of 2300 volts or higher.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company’s Application proposing modifications to Electric Service Schedule No. 31 is approved, effective as of the service date of this order. The Company shall file conforming tariffs with the Commission within ten (10) days of the service date of this Order.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code* § 61-626.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 11th day of February 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT




KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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