

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN)	CASE NO. PAC-E-19-17
POWER'S PETITION TO INCREASE THE)	
BLUE SKY BLOCK VALUE FROM 100 TO)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
200 KILOWATT HOURS)	
)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
)	PROCEDURE
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)	ORDER NO. 34495

On October 25, 2019, Rocky Mountain Power (“Company”), a division of PacifiCorp, filed an Application requesting the Commission’s approval to increase the size of each Blue Sky Block (“Blue Sky Block” or “Block”) offered under Schedule 70—Renewable Energy Rider—and Schedule 73—Renewable Energy Rider Bulk Purchases (collectively “Blue Sky Program” or “Program”)—from 100 kilowatt hours (“kWh”) to 200 kWh. Application at 1. The Company requested an effective date of January 1, 2020 and that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure. *Id.* at 7.

The Commission now issues this notice of the Company’s Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting public comment and Company reply deadlines.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company proposes to modify the size of the Blue Sky Blocks available to customers who voluntarily sign up for Schedule 70 or Schedule 73 from 100 kWh to 200 kWh in response to changes in the Renewable Energy Credit (“REC”) market between 2003, when the Program was established, and present. *Id.* at 4; *See* 2018 Blue Sky Annual Report.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Blue Sky Program is self-funded. *Id.* at 5. Funds from customers taking service under the Program are used to acquire RECs and cover administrative costs, Program growth, and maintenance. *Id.* All funds remaining after accounting for Program expenses are made available to help fund new community-based renewable installations. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Schedule 70 Blue Sky Blocks currently cost \$1.95 each per month. *Id.* at 3. Under Schedule 73, customers can buy Blocks for \$0.70 per Block

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per month plus a \$1,500 per year fixed charge, if customers buy at least 1,212 Blue Sky Blocks. For purchases of over 750,000 Blue Sky Blocks annually, the Company offers individually negotiated contracts. *Id.* at 3-4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed changes to the Blue Sky Program do not alter individually negotiated contracts. *Id.* at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that as of September 2019 there were 1,699 participants in the Blue Sky Program. *Id.* at 5. The proposed modifications will allow additional customers to take service under Schedules 70 or 73, enabling residential, commercial, or industrial customers to meet their renewable energy goals. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, then select "Electric Cases" and 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 and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502 and 61-503. The Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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 that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .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 any person desiring to state a position on this Application **may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by December 17, 2019.** The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written

comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Consumers" tab then click the "Case Comment or Question Form" and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company shall file reply comments, if necessary, **by December 24, 2019.**

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, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by December 17, 2019. The Company must file any reply comments by December 24, 2019.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this ^{3rd}
day of December 2019.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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Commission Secretary

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