

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN)	CASE NO. PAC-E-20-03
POWER'S APPLICATION TO INCREASE)	
ITS RATES AND CHARGES IN IDAHO)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
AND FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED)	PROCEDURE
ELECTRIC SERVICE SCHEDULES AND)	
REGULATIONS)	ORDER NO. 34847

On March 26, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power (“Company”), a division of PacifiCorp, filed a Notice of Intent to file a General Rate Case. The Company later decided that, due to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, it would instead develop a rate plan allowing it to delay filing a general rate case.

On May 28, 2020, the Company, Commission Staff, Bayer, Idaho Conservation League, Idaho Irrigation Pumper Association, and PacifiCorp Idaho Industrial Customers stipulated that the Company would delay filing a general rate case and instead apply for an accounting order (the “Stipulation”).

On July 2, 2020, the Company submitted this Application with the Stipulation and asked for: (1) an accounting order authorizing the Company to create a regulatory asset to transfer decommissioning and plant closure costs of Cholla Unit No. 4 when it is retired; (2) approval of modifications to Phase II of the settlement stipulation to implement tax reform (the “Tax Stipulation”) approved in Order No. 34431;¹ and (3) approval of ratemaking treatment for Pryor Mountain and Foote Creek I wind resources.

On July 20, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline setting a 21-day intervention deadline. *See* Order No. 34731. Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association timely intervened. *See* Order No. 34743.

At the Commission’s November 24, 2020 decision meeting, Staff informed the Commission that the parties had agreed that the case should be processed by Modified Procedure with a public comment deadline of December 16, 2020 and a Company reply deadline of December 23, 2020. The Commission now issues this Notice of Modified Procedure establishing public comment and Company reply deadlines.

¹ *See* Case No. GNR-U-18-01.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY 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 through 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 the person supports or opposes the incremental decommissioning costs proposed in the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until December 16, 2020, to file written comments.** Comments must be filed by e-mail unless e-mail is unavailable. To comment by e-mail, please access the Commission’s home page 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. Comments filed by e-mail must also be e-mailed to the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If e-mail is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **the Company must file any reply comments by December 23, 2020.**

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 16, 2020. The Company must file any reply comments by December 23, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties continue to comply with Order No. 34781, issued September 17, 2020. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should also be accomplished electronically. 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 30th day of November 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary