

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: JULY 10, 2020

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S
APPLICATION TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES IN
IDAHO AND FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ELECTRIC
SERVICE SCHEDULES AND REGULATIONS; PAC-E-20-03

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 along 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 approved in Order No. 34431; and (3) approval of ratemaking treatment for Pryor Mountain and Foote Creek I wind resources to match costs with benefits—with costs capped at the level of benefits until the prudence of the resources can be determined in the next general rate case.

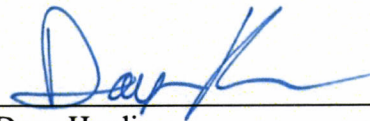
The Company requested its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Company's Application and the Stipulation and recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application. Further, Staff recommends the Commission allow parties who claim a direct and substantial interest in the matter to intervene. Staff recommends a 21-day intervention period. After the deadline for intervention has passed, Staff will collaborate with the parties to develop a schedule and then will recommend further procedure to the Commission.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application that sets a 21-day intervention period and directs Staff to collaborate with the parties to develop a schedule and then recommend further procedure to the Commission?



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