

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ANNUAL)	CASE NO. PAC-E-20-08
REVISION TO QF VARIABLE ENERGY)	
PRICES PURSUANT TO TERMS OF THE)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
1992 AMENDMENTS TO POWER)	
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On June 4, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (“Rocky Mountain Power” or “Company”) filed an Application requesting the Commission approve the annual update to the variable energy portion of avoided cost rates for qualifying facilities (“QFs”) under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”) with the 1992 amendments. The Company requests an effective date of July 1, 2020.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting comment and reply deadlines and suspends the Company’s proposed effective date as noted below.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the 1992 amendments apply to 13 QFs. This year’s proposed update would result in a variable energy rate of \$23.07 per megawatt hour (“MWh”) compared to the rate of \$23.85 per MWh currently in effect.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the variable energy rate is calculated by summing the average of Rocky Mountain Power’s fuel costs for its Carbon, Hale, Naughton, Huntington, and Hunter coal-fired generation plants with the variable operations and maintenance costs for Colstrip.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that since 2003 when this annual update began, it has taken effect on July 1. The annual update has historically been accomplished through a letter sent by Commission Staff to the Company requesting review and confirmation of Staff’s updated

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calculation followed by a final Commission Order. Similar to newly adopted procedures to other annual updates to avoided cost rates, the Commission will process this annual update via Modified Procedure. *See* GNR-E-20-01, AVU-E-20-04, and IPC-E-20-24.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "Electric" tab, then select "Open 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.

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 SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, given the public interest in having adequate time to comment on this case, the Commission finds it appropriate to suspend the Company's proposed effective date of July 1, 2020, for a period of 30 days plus 5 months, unless the Commission issues an earlier Order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the Company's Application. *See Idaho Code* § 61-622(4).

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 **must file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within 21 days of the service date of this Order.** 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 should be emailed to the

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Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below. If e-mail is unavailable, written comments can be mailed to the addresses reflected below:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
Commission:**

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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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 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 must file any reply comments **within 28 days of the service date of this Order.**

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 proposed July 1, 2020, effective date is suspended for a period of 30 days plus 5 months, unless the Commission issues an earlier Order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the Application. *See Idaho Code* § 61-622(4).

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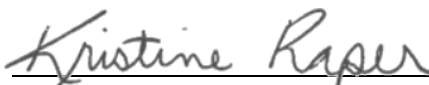
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Application of the Company be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so within 21 days of the service date of this Order. The Company must file any reply comments within 28 days of the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 34602, issued March 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 26th day of June, 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

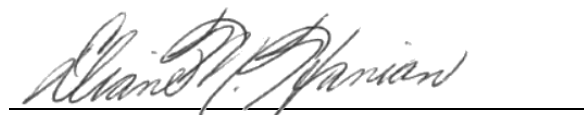


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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