DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM:

DAYN HARDIE

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATE:

AUGUST 14, 2020

SUBJECT:

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN

PACIFICORP AND FALL RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC;

CASE NO. PAC-E-20-10

On June 9, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power ("Company"), a division of PacifiCorp, applied for consideration of a Power Purchase Agreement ("Agreement") with Fall River Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Fall River") for energy generated by the Felt Hydro Facility¹ ("Facility"), a small hydro facility in Teton County, Idaho. Application at 1. The Facility is a qualifying facility under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA") and has a nameplate capacity of 7.45 megawatts. *Id.* at 2.

On July 2, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing an August 17, 2020 comment deadline and August 24, 2020 reply deadline.

On July 31, 2020, Staff sent its Second Production Request to the Company. Staff received responses to requests 8-11 on August 10, 2020 and requests 12-14 on August 11, 2020. Staff determined it would need additional time to sort out its position on capacity payments. Staff filed its initial comments on August 17, 2020 but would like the Commission to amend the comment deadline to allow additional time to analyze the data and finalize its position on capacity payments through supplemental comments. The Company and Fall River indicated they do not oppose amending the comment deadline.

¹ The Facility was previously known as CDM Hydro.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission vacate the August 17, 2020 public comment deadline and August 24, 2020 Company reply deadline and establish new deadlines with public comments due October 1, 2020 and reply comments due October 15, 2020.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to vacate the August 17, 2020 public comment deadline and August 24, 2020 Company reply deadline and establish new deadlines with public comments due October 1, 2020 and reply comments due October 15, 2020?

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Deputy Attorney General

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