

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN) CASE NO. PAC-E-20-13
POWER’S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL)
OF A CAPACITY DEFICIENCY PERIOD TO) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
BE USED FOR AVOIDED COST)
CALCULATIONS) NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
) DEADLINE
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) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
) PROCEDURE
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) ORDER NO. 34826
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On October 6, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power (“Company”), a division of PacifiCorp, applied for Commission approval a capacity deficiency period beginning July 2029, to be used in avoided cost calculations under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”).

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Modified Procedure. We also set an intervention deadline for interested persons.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that under PURPA, the Commission has established a surrogate avoided resource (“SAR”) methodology and an integrated resource plan (“IRP”) methodology to calculate avoided cost rates for qualifying facilities (“QFs”). Under both methodologies, a QF receives capacity payments only after the applicable capacity deficit date is reached. Order No. 32697.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the capacity deficiency period is determined through the IRP planning process and is submitted to the Commission in a proceeding separate from the IRP docket. The capacity deficit date determined in the IRP process is presumed to be correct as a starting point but will be subject to the outcome of the capacity deficiency case. Order No. 32697.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company filed its IRP in October 2019. The 2019 IRP showed a capacity deficiency period beginning July 2028. The Company notes that Commission Staff critiqued the Company’s load and resource balance used for PURPA purposes,

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specifically the early retirement of several thermal resources that were included in the load and resource balance. *See* Case No. PAC-E-19-16, Staff Comments at 5. The Company explains in its Application that it calculated its capacity deficiency date in the present docket by removing the early retirement of the thermal resources noted by Staff in Case No. PAC-E-19-16, and updating the power purchase agreements in its load and resource balance.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that these updates to the 2019 IRP result in a capacity deficiency date in July 2029.

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.

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 INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons who wish to intervene in this matter to obtain the rights of a party (e.g., to file formal discovery, or present evidence or cross-examine witnesses at a hearing) must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission under the Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and .073. **Persons who wish to intervene as a party must file a Petition to Intervene within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Order.** Such persons shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their electronic mail address to facilitate further communications.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

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 will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities 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 persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until December 22, 2020 to file written comments.** Comments must be filed by email unless email is unavailable. To comment by email, please access the Commission's home page at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Consumers" tab and then "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. Comments filed by email must also be emailed to Idaho Power at the email addresses listed below. If email is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at these addresses:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by January 12, 2021.**

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 22, 2020. The Company must file any reply comments by January 12, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examination at hearing shall file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should 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.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 29th
day of October 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

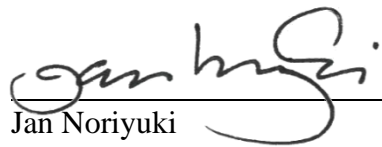


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Jan Noriyuki
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