

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. PAC-E-21-16
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR)	
AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A BATTERY)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAM)	
)	NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
)	DEADLINE
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)	NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF
)	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
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)	ORDER NO. 35139

On July 15, 2021, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power ("Company") applied to the Commission for an Order approving a new and flexible “Schedule 114 load management tariff within the demand side management (“DSM”) portfolio”, effective October 15, 2021. *Application* at 1, 2 and 12. The new tariff would fund implementation of a “Class 1 battery demand response program (“Wattsmart Battery” or “Program”).” *Id. at 1*. The Company requests an October 15, 2021, effective date and asks that the case be processed by Modified Procedure. *Id. at 12*.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company requests a flexible tariff that will allow the company “to manage and publish Program details on the Company’s website, with hard copies provided to customers upon request, while allowing for adequate Staff input. Before the Company makes Program changes, it will provide Staff with its intended modifications and allow sufficient time to resolve any Staff concerns. After Staff’s concerns are resolved, the Company will post the final set of changes for at least 45 days before the changes are to take effect.” *Application* at 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company intends for the battery Program to promote and provide incentive for customers to install individual batteries that will be integrated into their system and grid management. The Company states that this will benefit customers and the grid and create opportunities in utility grid management, load shaping, and utility integration of behind-the-meter batteries.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company intends to make the Program available to residential and commercial customers. Initial participation will likely be by residential customers with solar generation. If customers install eligible battery equipment and allow the Company to use the battery on the grid the customers will be compensated with enrollment incentives and annual credits to their bills. Customers who already have eligible batteries may also be able to participate in the Program.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the specifics of the incentive structure are found in the Application.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company projects that by 2029 the Program will provide about 10 MW of battery demand response. Estimated program costs in 2022 are expected to be \$315,000, \$630,000 in 2023, and \$1,006,000 in 2024.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company will require participants in the Program to have a reliable internet connection, a Wi-Fi network, and eligible related battery equipment to facilitate communication with the grid.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company wants the right to dispatch the Wattsmart Battery system based on certain criteria and that it may establish a qualified Trade Ally Network to promote the Program, educate customers, and install battery equipment.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company has provided cost effective analysis data for the Commission to review as part of this process.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's Application and proposed tariff sheets are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. The Application is also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "ELECTRIC" tab in the left-hand column of the home page, then select "Open Cases" and then locate 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. The Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted under the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000, *et seq.*

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter to obtain parties’ rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this 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 no later than 21 days after the date of service of this Order.** Persons desiring to present their views without parties’ rights of participation do not have to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the Notice of Parties is issued, Commission Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss a schedule to process this case and other issues as may be raised by the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as the Company’s representatives in this matter:

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SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

The Company filed its Application on July 15, 2021, and proposes an October 15, 2021, effective date. The Commission finds the Company’s proposed effective date does not provide adequate time for Commission Staff and interested persons to evaluate the Company’s proposal. Pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-622, the Commission suspends the proposed changes for thirty (30) days and five months or until the Commission enters an order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the proposed rate increases.

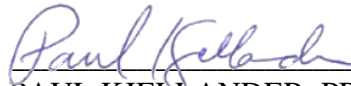
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of obtaining parties' rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission, under Rules 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.72-73, no later than 21 days after the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the October 15, 2021, effective date proposed by the Company is suspended for 30 days plus five months or until the Commission enters an earlier order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the proposed changes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 35058, issued June 3, 2021. 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 19th day of August 2021.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

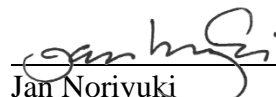


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