

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN) CASE NO. PAC-E-21-17
POWER’S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL)
OF THE ASSET TRANSFER AGREEMENT) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
BETWEEN ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER)
AND THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS – 733) NOTICE OF
CUSTOMERS) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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) **NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC**
) **HEARING**
)
) **ORDER NO. 35142**

On July 20, 2021, Rocky Mountain Power (“Company”), a division of PacifiCorp, asked the Commission to approve its asset transfer agreement (“Agreement”) with the City of Idaho Falls (“City”). Under the Agreement, the City will buy Company-owned electric facilities that the City needs to provide electric service to 733 customers in Idaho Falls (“Customers”). With this Order, the Commission issues a Notice of Modified Procedure, establishes public comment and Company reply comment deadlines, and schedules a telephonic public hearing.

BACKGROUND

The Company submits its Application under the electric utility asset transfer statute, *Idaho Code* § 61-328. The Company requests that its Application be processed under Modified Procedure, Rule 201 *et seq.* See IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. Typically, Modified Procedure contemplates a case would be processed through written submissions without a live hearing. However, the electric utility asset transfer statute, *Idaho Code* § 61-328, requires the Commission to “conduct a public hearing upon the application.”

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company is a public utility in the state of Idaho under Idaho Code § 61-129. The City owns and operates an electric power system and indicates that it has a bona-fide intent and financial ability to provide services to the Customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company and the City entered into a service allocation agreement in 2017 to reduce duplication of service and promote stability in their

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respective service areas. The Commission approved the service allocation agreement in Case No. PAC-E-17-12, Order No. 33943.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that under the Agreement, the City compensates the Company for lost revenues arising from the Customer's departure. Under the Agreement just compensation for lost revenues is the amount equal to 167% of each customer's electric bills from the most recent twelve months of active provision of electric service. The City would also purchase poles, wires, cross arms, insulators, guys and other facilities no longer needed or required by the Company to service the Customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the total sale price for the transaction would be \$4,152,351.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documentation have been filed with the Commission and are 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 "ELECTRIC" icon, 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 matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

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, specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501 to 61-503, 61-328, and 61-332, *et seq.* The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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 it will review the case through written submissions under the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. 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 must file comments by September 14, 2021.** Comments must be filed through the Commission’s website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, 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. To file by e-mail, the customer must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

For the Commission:

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140 S. Capital Ave.
P.O. Box 50220
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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **the Company must file any reply comments by September 21, 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.

NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure contemplate that a case will be processed by written submissions without the need for a public hearing. However, the Commission finds good cause to schedule a public hearing in this case because the Company filed its Application under *Idaho Code* § 61-328, and that statute requires a public hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a public telephonic customer hearing in this matter on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M. MDT**. The purpose of the public hearing is to take testimony from members of the public and customers of Rocky Mountain Power. To participate, interested persons can call **1-415-655-0001** shortly before the designated time, and enter the **meeting number 177 851 2120** when prompted. Those planning to testify are encouraged to start calling in to the hearing at 5:45 p.m. (MDT) on September 22, 2021.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that to identify callers and manage the telephonic hearing efficiently, those interested in testifying are encouraged to contact Adam Rush at adam.rush@puc.idaho.gov or (208) 334-0339 and provide their name and the telephone number they will be calling in on. Please provide this information no later than noon on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Additional callers will not be prohibited from testifying but will be accommodated after the pre-identified callers have testified.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the telephonic hearing will meet accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance to participate in or to understand testimony at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204. *See* IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by September 14, 2021. The Company must file any reply comments by September 21, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a telephonic public hearing be held on the Company's Application on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. MDT.**

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.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 19th day of August 2021.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

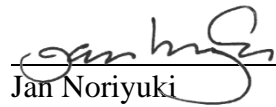


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



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ATTEST:



Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary

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