

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) CASE NO. PAC-E-21-20**  
**OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO )**  
**UPDATE CONTRACTS, LOAD AND GAS ) NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**FORECASTS USED IN THE INTEGRATED )**  
**RESOURCE PLAN AVOIDED COST ) NOTICE OF**  
**MODEL ) MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
**)**  
**) ORDER NO. 35232**

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On October 27, 2021, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (“Company”) applied to the Commission in compliance with Order Nos. 32697 and 32802 to update the load forecast, natural gas forecast, and long-term contract components of the Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”) avoided cost model. The Company requests that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

The Commission now sets deadlines for interested persons to comment on the Application and for the Company to reply.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Order No. 32697 specified that the inputs to the IRP methodology calculation, utilized to determine the avoided cost for all new Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”) qualifying facility (“QF”) projects that exceed the published rate eligibility cap, will be updated every two years upon acknowledgement of the utility’s IRP filing except for the load and the natural gas forecasts which are to be updated annually by June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Order No. 32802 changed the due date of the annual update from June 1<sup>st</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. If approved, the load forecast, natural gas forecast, and contract information will be incorporated into Rocky Mountain Power’s IRP avoided cost model. Consistent with the Commission’s prior orders, this methodology will be utilized by the Company as the starting point for negotiation of contractual avoided cost rates as of October 15, 2021.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company’s August 2021 and June 2020 long-term load forecasts are summarized in Table 1 of the Company’s Application by annual gigawatt-hours (“GWh”). The August 2021 load forecast shows a slight increase in load compared

to the June 2020 load forecast provided in Case No. PAC-E-20-16, which was approved by Commission Order No. 34911.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's most recent Official Forward Price Curve ("OFPC") was prepared on September 30, 2021 ("2109 OFPC"). The official forward price curve used in Case No. PAC-E-20-16 was prepared on September 30, 2020 ("2009 OFPC"). Table 2 in the Company's Application provides the 2109 OFPC natural gas prices summarized annually by market hub. The 2009 OFPC is provided for reference only. Generally, gas prices in the 2109 OFPC are up slightly over the next five years, but down slightly thereafter compared to the 2009 OFPC.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that since filing Case No. PAC-E-20-16, the Company has signed 26 long-term contracts, including 21 long-term contracts with QFs, for a total nameplate capacity of 460.2 megawatts. Three long-term contracts have expired without renewal and eleven long-term QF contracts expired or terminated, for a total nameplate capacity of 706.9 megawatts. Table 3 in the Company's Application provides a list of signed and expired or terminated contracts since October 8, 2020. The Company has 34 non-PURPA, long-term power purchase agreements with a nameplate capacity of 2,348 megawatts, and 153 PURPA QF project contracts with a nameplate capacity of 2,248 megawatts. New, terminated, or expired contracts, and new contract pricing are all updated in the IRP model on a continuous basis.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests that the Commission issue an order approving the updated load forecast, natural gas forecast, and long-term contract components to include in the Company's IRP avoided cost calculations effective October 15, 2021.

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 website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://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 case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code.

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 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 people desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why they support or oppose the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by December 15, 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](http://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:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by December 22, 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**

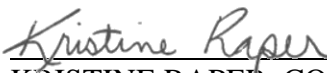
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by December 15, 2021. The Company must file any reply comments by December 22, 2021.

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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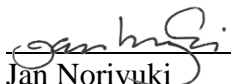
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

  
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ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Jan Noriyuki  
Commission Secretary

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