

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN ) CASE NO. PAC-E-22-16**  
**POWER’S APPLICATION TO UPDATE )**  
**LOAD AND GAS FORECASTS USED IN ) NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN )**  
**AVOIDED COST MODEL ) NOTICE OF**  
**) MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
**)**  
**) ORDER NO. 35595**

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On October 20, 2022, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (“Company”) applied to the Commission to update the load forecast, natural gas forecast, and long-term contract components of the Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”) avoided cost model. IRP avoided cost rates are available to qualifying facilities (“QFs”) that exceed the resource-specific project eligibility cap for published avoided cost rates under Idaho’s implementation of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”). The Company requested that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and 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 mandates that the Company update its IRP methodology calculation to ensure accurate avoided costs for new eligible PURPA QFs. The Company noted that these forecasts are to “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.” Application at 1-2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company stated that the increase in load forecast between May 2021 and May 2022 (as shown on Table 1 of the Company’s Application) is primarily a result of growth with its industrial and commercial customers. *Id.* at 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company stated their most current Official Forward Price Curve (“OFPC”) was completed on September 30, 2022. The Company noted that Table 2 in its Application outlines changes from the previous year. *Id.* at 4. The Company noted that generally gas prices in the OFPC are up “over all forecast years compared” to last year’s OFPC. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company stated that it entered 19 long-term contracts—including 12 long-term QF contracts—for a total nameplate capacity of 1,018.4 megawatts. Additionally, two long-term contracts expired that were not renewed and nine long-term contracts expired that were subsequently renewed, for a total nameplate capacity of 359.1 megawatts. *Id.* at 5; Table 3. Currently, the Company is a party to 38 non-PURPA, long-term power purchase agreements (nameplate capacity of 3,108 megawatts (“MW”)), and 156 PURPA QF projects (nameplate capacity of 2,265 MW).

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 it will review the case through written submissions under the Commission’s Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201-204 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 they support or oppose the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until December 5, 2022, to file written comments.** 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 website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the “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 12, 2021.**

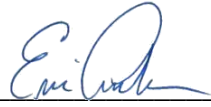
**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them 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, Rules 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by December 5, 2022. The Company must file reply comments, if any, by December 12, 2022.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

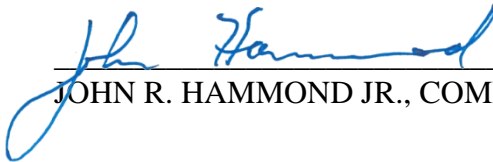
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

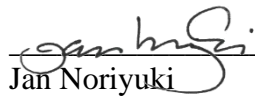


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