

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. PAC-E-23-01
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING)	
CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOARDMAN-TO-)	NOTICE OF
HEMMINGWAY 500-KV TRANSMISSION)	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
LINE PROJECT)	
)	ORDER NO. 35678
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On January 27, 2023, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (“Company”) filed an application (“Application”) requesting an order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) for Energy Gateway Segment H, the Boardman-to-Hemingway 500-kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line (“B2H” or “Project”). The Company represents that it will co-own B2H with Idaho Power Company (“IPC”), which recently filed its own CPCN application for the Project in Case No. IPC-E-23-01.

The Company represents that B2H is an approximately 300-mile-long, 500-kV electric transmission line that will extend from a switching station constructed near Boardman, Oregon to the existing Hemingway Substation located in Owyhee County, Idaho. the Company states that approximately two hundred and seventy-four (274) miles of the transmission line will be in five Oregon counties: Malheur, Baker, Union, Umatilla, and Morrow Counties, and a 24-mile segment of the Project will be in Owyhee County in Idaho. The Company represents that B2H will also include ten communication stations along the route that are constructed within the right-of way of the transmission line, and B2H will also include the installation of the B2H Midline Series Capacitor Project and development of a remedial action scheme.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represents that B2H enables lower-cost and more reliable transmission service to serve customer load and increases transmission connectivity between PacifiCorp East (“PACE”) and PacifiCorp West (“PACW”) and will enable the Company to cost-effectively and reliably serve growing customer load. The Company states that these benefits primarily result from cost savings in serving load in central Oregon and near the proposed Longhorn substation. Application at 9.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that B2H is the most cost-effective means of serving the Company's load, and that without B2H, the Company would be required to acquire higher-cost generation resources and third-party transmission service, which together would increase customer costs by approximately \$1.713 billion through 2042. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the cost savings are all based on an anticipated 2026 in-service date for B2H. The Company states that to ensure that the Project can be energized in time for a 2026 in-service date, construction must begin in the summer of 2023. The Company requests that the Commission issue an order on its Application no later than June 30, 2023. *Id.* at 9-10.

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 website 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 the Commission has jurisdiction over the Company, its filing, and the issues pertaining to this case pursuant to 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 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 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072-073. **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 (“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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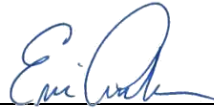
ORDER

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 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-073, no later than 21 days after the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Secretary issues a Notice of Parties, Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss the appropriate scheduling of this case.

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 8th day of February 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

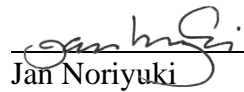


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