

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. PAC-E-23-09
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER)
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF \$32.5) DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
MILLON ECAM DEFERRAL) JACK PAINTER**

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

CASE NO. PAC-E-23-09

March 2023

1 **Q. Please state your name, business address, and present position with PacifiCorp**
2 **d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power (“Rocky Mountain Power” or the “Company”).**

3 A. My name is Jack Painter and my business address is 825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite
4 600, Portland, Oregon 97232. My title is Net Power Cost Specialist.

5 **QUALIFICATIONS**

6 **Q. Please describe your education and professional experience.**

7 A. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with a Finance major
8 from Washington State University in 2007. I have been employed by PacifiCorp since
9 2008 and have held positions in the regulation and jurisdictional loads departments. I
10 joined the regulatory net power costs group in 2019 and assumed my current role as a
11 Net Power Cost Specialist in 2020.

12 **Q. Have you testified in previous regulatory proceedings?**

13 A. Yes. I have previously provided testimony to the public utility commissions in Idaho,
14 Utah, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, and California.

15 **PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

16 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

17 A. My testimony presents and supports the Company’s calculation of the Energy Cost
18 Adjustment Mechanism (“ECAM”) balancing account for the 12-month period of
19 January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 (“Deferral Period”). More specifically, I
20 provide the following:

- 21 • A summary of the ECAM calculation, including changes made to comply with
22 Commission orders;
- 23 • Details supporting the addition of approximately \$32.5 million to the deferral

1 balance, including \$30.5 million customers' share of ECAM costs, a \$1.4
2 million decrease in renewable energy production tax credits ("PTCs"), \$634
3 thousand in reasonable energy price ("REP") qualified facility ("QF") costs, a
4 credit of \$295 thousand for wind availability liquidated damages, a \$131
5 thousand renewable energy credit ("REC") revenue differential, and \$327
6 thousand interest accrued;

- 7 • Discussion of the main differences between adjusted actual net power costs
8 ("Actual NPC") and net power costs in rates ("Base NPC"); and,
- 9 • Discussion about the Company's participation in the Western Energy Imbalance
10 Market ("WEIM") with the California Independent System Operator
11 ("CAISO") and the benefits from the WEIM that are passed through to
12 customers.

13 **Q. What other witnesses present testimony for the ECAM and Tariff Schedule 94 in**
14 **this case?**

15 A. Mr. Robert M. Meredith, Director, Pricing & Tariff Policy, provides testimony on the
16 proposed rates in Electric Service Schedule No. 94, Energy Cost Adjustment
17 ("Schedule 94").

18 **SUMMARY OF THE ECAM DEFERRAL CALCULATION**

19 **Q. Please briefly describe the Company's ECAM authorized by the Commission.**

20 A. The ECAM tracks deviations between Actual NPC and Base NPC. When there is a
21 difference between these two amounts, 90 percent of the difference is deferred for later
22 recovery or return to customers.¹ In addition to tracking the difference between Actual

¹ See Order No. 30904 in Case No. PAC-E-08-08 and Order No. 33440 in Case No. PAC-E-15-09.

1 and Base NPC, the ECAM also tracks other items including PTCs, the Reasonable
2 Energy Price QF adjustment, wind availability liquidated damages, and revenues from
3 the sale of RECs.² The purpose for tracking these items is to true up base rates to
4 actuals. The balance that accumulates over a deferral period is then passed on to
5 customers as a rate surcharge or credit. Schedule 94, described in Mr. Meredith's
6 testimony, appears as a separate line item on customers' bills and either collects from
7 or credits to customers the balance of deferred costs. Schedule 94 is adjusted as needed
8 in the Company's annual ECAM filings.

9 The Company is required to file an application with the Commission annually
10 by April 1st to request approval of the deferral amount and the new Schedule 94 rates
11 to become effective June 1.

12 **Q. Are there any changes to the ECAM calculation?**

13 A. Yes. The rates for Base NPC, PTCs, RECs, and the Load Change Adjustment Revenue
14 ("LCAR") have been updated to reflect rates established in the Company's last general
15 rate case ("GRC") Case No. PAC-E-21-07, which became effective January 1, 2022.³
16 The wind integration costs for third party wind have been removed because
17 PacifiCorp's Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") Schedule 3 and 3A rates
18 include intra-hour wind integration costs and offset Base rates in FERC Account 456.
19 Liquidated damages for wind availability have been included and are passed to
20 customers outside of the sharing band. Finally, the Resource Tracking Mechanism

² See *In the Matter of PacifiCorp DBA Rocky Mountain Power's Application to Modify the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism and Increase Rates*, Case No. PAC-E-15-09, Order No. 33440 at 5–6 (December 23, 2015).

³ *In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Application for Authority to Increase its Rates and Charges in Idaho and Approval of Proposed Electric Service Schedules and Regulations*, Case No. PAC-E-21-07, Order No. 35277 (December 30, 2021).

1 (“RTM”) and the Lake Side 2 Resource Adder have been eliminated as part of the
2 Company’s last GRC.

3 **ECAM DEFERRAL CALCULATION**

4 **Q. Please describe the calculation of the ECAM deferral included in this filing.**

5 A. Table 1 summarizes the total ECAM deferral and provides a breakdown of the
6 individual components of the ECAM. For a detailed monthly calculation of the ECAM
7 deferral, please refer to Exhibit No. 1.

8 **Table 1 – 2022 ECAM Deferral**

Calendar Year 2022 ECAM Deferral	
NPC Differential	\$ 35,322,826
EITF 04-6 Adjustment	190,656
LCAR	(1,578,588)
Total Deferral Before Sharing	<u>\$ 33,934,894</u>
Sharing Band	90%
Customer Responsibility	<u>\$ 30,541,405</u>
Production Tax Credits	\$ 1,388,020
REP QF Adjustment	634,305
Wind Liquidated Damages	(295,039)
REC Deferral	(130,679)
Interest on Deferral	326,544
Annual Deferral (Jan - Dec 2022)	<u><u>\$ 32,464,556</u></u>

9 The first section of Table 1 summarizes the Idaho-allocated share of those items
10 for which Idaho customers and the Company share responsibility, including: NPC
11 differential, Emerging Issues Task Force (“EITF”) 04-6 adjustment, and the LCAR
12 costs. The second section calculates the 90 percent customers’ share of these items.
13 Finally, the last section adds the following items that are either refunded or collected in
14 full (i.e., 100 percent): PTCs, REP QF costs, wind availability liquidated damages, REC

1 revenues, and interest on the deferral. The total of these items represents the ECAM
2 deferral.

3 **Q. Based on your calculations, what is the balance expected to be in the ECAM**
4 **deferral account as of June 1, 2023?**

5 A. Table 2 provides a summary of the ECAM balancing account activity starting with the
6 December 31, 2021, ECAM deferral balance of \$29.9 million approved in Case
7 No. PAC-E-22-05. By June 1, 2023, the projected balance in the ECAM deferral
8 account will be approximately \$32.2 million. During the Deferral Period,
9 approximately \$32.5 million is added to the balance from the annual deferral and
10 interest, which is offset by \$20.5 million of ECAM revenue collections through the
11 Deferral Period, and an estimated collection of \$9.7 million of Schedule 94 revenues,
12 net of interest, between January and May of 2023.

13 **Table 2 - Balancing Account Activity**

ECAM Deferral Balance	
Deferral Balance - Dec 31, 2021	\$ 29,925,543
Annual Deferral (Jan - Dec 2022)	32,138,012
Interest	326,544
ECAM Revenue Collection - Schedule 94	(20,448,621)
December 31, 2022 Balance For Collection	\$ 41,941,478
Schedule 94 Collection - Jan - May 2023	\$ (9,853,367)
Interest	154,045
Expected Balance as of June 1, 2023	\$ 32,242,155

14 **Q. Please describe the ECAM calculations in Exhibit No. 1.**

15 A. The ECAM deferral is calculated monthly by comparing Idaho-allocated Actual NPC
16 to the Base NPC collected in rates, and then deferring the differences into an ECAM
17 balancing account. Exhibit No. 1 includes details of the ECAM calculation.
18 Additionally, I have also provided confidential work papers supporting this exhibit.

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1 **Q. How are the Base NPC and Actual NPC calculated?**

2 A. Exhibit No. 1 provides details of the ECAM calculation. The monthly Base NPC
3 collected in rates, as set forth in Exhibit No. 1 line 6, is calculated by taking the dollar-
4 per-megawatt-hour Base NPC rate multiplied by the actual Idaho retail sales. The
5 Actual Idaho NPC, as set forth in Exhibit No. 1 line 11, is calculated by dividing the
6 monthly total Company Actual NPC in the Deferral Period by the actual monthly
7 system megawatt-hours (“MWh”) in the Deferral Period. To calculate Actual Idaho
8 NPC, the total Company Actual NPC dollar-per-megawatt-hour basis is then multiplied
9 by Idaho actual monthly MWh.

10 **Q. Please describe how the NPC deferral is calculated.**

11 A. The deferral is calculated monthly by subtracting the Base NPC collected in rates from
12 the Actual Idaho NPC. For the Deferral Period, the NPC differential was \$35.3 million
13 before applying the 90 / 10 percent sharing band.

14 **Q. What costs are included in the NPC differential for deferral?**

15 A. The NPC differential for deferral captures all components of NPC as defined in the
16 Company’s general rate case proceedings and modeled by the Company’s production
17 dispatch model, the Generation and Regulation Initiative Decision Tool (“GRID”).
18 Specifically, Base NPC and Actual NPC include amounts booked to the following
19 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) accounts:

20 Account 447 – Sales for resale; excluding on-system wholesale sales and other
21 revenues that are not modeled in GRID

1 Account 501 – Fuel, steam generation; excluding fuel handling, start-up fuel
2 (gas and diesel fuel, residual disposal), and other costs that are
3 not modeled in GRID

4 Account 503 – Steam from other sources

5 Account 547 – Fuel, other generation

6 Account 555 – Purchased power; excluding the Bonneville Power
7 Administration (“BPA”) residential exchange credit pass-
8 through if applicable

9 Account 565 – Transmission of electricity by others

10 **Q. Are adjustments made to the Actual NPC before comparing them to Base NPC?**

11 A. Yes. The Company adjusts Actual NPC to reflect the ratemaking treatment of several
12 items, including:

- 13 • out of period accounting entries booked in the Deferral Period that relate to
14 operations before implementation of the ECAM on July 1, 2009;
- 15 • buy-through of economic curtailment by interruptible industrial customers;
- 16 • revenue from a contract related to the Leaning Juniper wind resource;
- 17 • costs for situs-assigned resources/programs in Oregon and Utah;
- 18 • coal inventory adjustments to reflect coal costs in the correct period;
- 19 • legal fees related to fines and citations included in the cost of coal;
- 20 • liquidated damages that occurred outside the Deferral Period (all liquidated
21 damage fees per a coal supply agreement are booked in accordance with
22 generally accepted accounting principles);
- 23 • wind availability liquidated damages; and

1 • reasonable energy price adjustments to QFs.

2 **Q. Why is the July 1, 2009, cutoff used to determine out of period entries?**

3 A. Since the ECAM took effect, customers' rates have been adjusted to recover essentially
4 all of the Company's actual net power costs, excluding any differences due to the 90 /
5 10 percent sharing band. Consequently, any accounting entries made during the current
6 Deferral Period that relate to any operating period since the ECAM took effect should
7 be reflected in customer rates, whether they increase or decrease Actual NPC. However,
8 accounting entries related to operating periods before the inception of the ECAM
9 should not impact the ECAM deferral.

10 **Q. In addition to comparing Actual NPC to Base NPC, what other components are**
11 **included in the ECAM?**

12 A. The ECAM calculation includes six additional components: (i) an adjustment for
13 deferred costs associated with coal mine stripping activities recorded under the
14 Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") EITF 04-6; (ii) the LCAR
15 adjustment; (iii) a true-up of PTCs; (iv) Idaho allocated REP QF costs; (v) wind
16 availability liquidated damages; and (vi) a true-up of REC revenues as authorized in
17 Order No. 32196.

18 **Q. How is the adjustment for accounting pronouncement EITF 04-6 included in the**
19 **ECAM?**

20 A. Line 13 of Exhibit No. 1 calculates coal stripping costs, reflecting Idaho's allocated
21 differences between the coal stripping costs incurred by the Company during
22 excavation, as recorded on the Company's books pursuant to the guidance of the
23 accounting pronouncement EITF 04-6, and the amortization of the coal stripping costs

1 as approved by the Commission in Case No. PAC-E-09-08, Order No. 30987. During
2 the Deferral Period, the total EITF 04-6 coal stripping deferral adjustment results in a
3 \$191 thousand increase to the ECAM deferral balance, before the application of the
4 90 / 10 percent sharing band.

5 **Q. Please describe the LCAR adjustment.**

6 A. The calculation of the LCAR adjustment is a symmetrical adjustment for over- or
7 under-collection of the energy-related portion of the Company's embedded revenue
8 requirement for production facilities, as specified in Case No. GNR-E-10-03, Order
9 No. 32206. This adjustment accounts for variances in Idaho load that cause the
10 Company to collect more or less of these production-related costs. The LCAR rate of
11 \$8.74 per MWh is used for the Deferral Period.

12 **Q. How is the LCAR adjustment calculated and what impact does it have on the**
13 **Deferral Period?**

14 A. The LCAR adjustment assumes that the actual production-related costs of the LCAR
15 are equivalent to the base amount on Exhibit No. 1 line 14. The actual production-
16 related costs are then compared to the LCAR revenue collection in rates, calculated by
17 multiplying the LCAR rate by the actual Idaho retail sales on Exhibit No. 1 line 17.
18 The LCAR adjustment, which is shown on line 18 of Exhibit No. 1, is the difference
19 between the actual production-related costs and the LCAR revenue. This adjustment
20 results in a \$1.6 million decrease to the ECAM deferral balance before application of
21 the 90 / 10 percent sharing band.

1 **Q. Please explain the sharing band ratio between the Company and customers in the**
2 **ECAM.**

3 A. The ECAM includes a sharing band with a symmetrical sharing ratio in which
4 customers either pay or receive 90 percent of the ECAM deferral balance, and the
5 Company is responsible for the remaining 10 percent. Line 20 of Exhibit No. 1
6 represents the customers' 90 percent share of the monthly deferral shown on line 19.
7 For the Deferral Period, the customers' share of the deferred balance is \$30.5 million.
8 The remaining balance of \$3.4 million associated with the Company's ten percent share
9 is not included in the deferral balance as it is not recoverable from customers.

10 **Q. What is the amount of the PTC true-up in the current filing?**

11 A. The PTC Deferral, on line 25 of Exhibit No. 1, is calculated by comparing the actual
12 Idaho-allocated PTC to the PTC credit customers receive through base rates. The PTC
13 credit in base rates is calculated by multiplying the approved PTC rate of \$4.16/MWh
14 by Idaho retail sales. The difference results in a \$1.4 million increase to the ECAM
15 deferral.

16 **Q. Please explain the REP QF Adjustment.**

17 A. As set forth in the 2020 Inter-Jurisdictional Allocation Protocol ("2020 Protocol"): "For
18 the Interim Period, the energy output of New QF PPAs will be dynamically allocated
19 per this agreement using the SG Factor, priced at a forecasted reasonable energy price
20 defined below, and any cost of a New QF PPA above the forecasted reasonable energy
21 price will be situs assigned to and allocated to the State of Origin."⁴ The Idaho situs-
22 assigned cost, on line 26 of Exhibit No. 1, is \$634 thousand.

⁴ *In the Matter of the Application for Approval of the 2020 PacifiCorp-Interjurisdictional Allocation Protocol*,
Case No. PAC-E-19-20, Order No. 34640 at § 4.4.2.1, 31 (April 22, 2020).

1 **Q. Please explain the wind availability liquidated damages credit.**

2 A. Order No. 33954 in Case No. PAC-E-17-06 provides that “the Stipulation requires the
3 Company to pass on to ratepayers all liquidated damages it receives from equipment
4 suppliers in case the repowered equipment does not meet specified availability,
5 performance, or installation schedule requirements.” The Company first removes the
6 wind availability liquidated damages from total-Company NPC and then allocates them
7 to customers using the System Generation (“SG”) allocation factor outside of the 90 /10
8 percent sharing band. The wind availability liquidated damages credited to customers
9 in the ECAM is \$295 thousand, as shown on line 27 of Exhibit No. 1.

10 **Q. What is the amount of REC revenue adjustment in the current filing?**

11 A. The REC revenue adjustment shown on line 32 of Exhibit No. 1 is calculated by
12 comparing the actual Idaho-allocated REC revenue with the REC revenue credit
13 customers receive through base rates. The REC revenue credit in base rates is calculated
14 by multiplying the approved REC revenue rate of \$0.07/MWh by Idaho retail sales.
15 The resulting difference is a \$131 thousand decrease to the ECAM deferral.

16 **Q. What is the total ECAM deferred balance calculated in Exhibit No. 1?**

17 A. The total ECAM deferred balance as of December 31, 2022, is \$32.1 million, shown
18 on line 33 of Exhibit No. 1, plus \$327 thousand of interest on line 42, for a total deferral
19 of \$32.5 million.

20 **Q. Does the calculation of the ECAM deferral in this application comply with the
21 parameters of the Idaho ECAM as approved by the Commission?**

22 A. Yes, therefore the Company recommends that the Commission approve the ECAM
23 application for recovery of the \$32.5 million in prudently incurred ECAM costs.

1 **DIFFERENCES IN NPC**

2 **Q. On a total-Company basis, what was the difference between Actual NPC and Base**
3 **NPC for the Deferral Period?**

4 A. On a total-Company basis, Actual NPC for the Deferral Period amounted to \$2.018
5 billion, exceeding Base NPC for the Deferral Period by \$650 million. Table 3 provides
6 a high-level summary of the difference between Base NPC and Actual NPC by category
7 on a total-Company basis.

8 **Table 3 - Net Power Cost Reconciliation (\$ millions)**

	TOTAL
Base NPC	\$ 1,368
Increase/(Decrease) to NPC:	
Wholesale Sales Revenue	178
Purchased Power Expense	98
Coal Fuel Expense	(19)
Natural Gas Expense	382
Wheeling and Other Expense	11
Total Increase/(Decrease)	\$ 650
Adjusted Actual NPC	\$ 2,018

9 **Q. Please describe the Base NPC the Company used to calculate the NPC component**
10 **of the ECAM deferral.**

11 A. The Base NPC were set in Case No. PAC-E-21-07 and became effective
12 January 1, 2022. Base NPC used the 12-month test period of January 2021 through
13 December 2021 and set total-Company Base NPC at \$1.368 billion.

14 **Q. Please describe some of the weather events that impacted NPC.**

15 A. Similar to 2021, the year 2022 was also marked by several extreme and unforeseeable
16 weather events that has a collective impact on Actual NPC during the year. Multiple

1 heat waves across the Company's service territories throughout July, August, and
2 September had a significant effect on market prices, ultimately leading to an increase
3 in NPC. Cumulatively, the NPC differential for those months amounted to \$16.5
4 million, which is almost half of the entire \$35.3 million variance on an Idaho-allocated
5 basis.

6 Additionally, ongoing drought in the West, which began in the summer of 2020,
7 continued to impact Actual NPC because it reduced the availability of the Company's
8 hydro resources. In 2022, actual generation from hydro resources were 1,505,231
9 MWhs, which was 34 percent lower than forecasted generation and needed to be
10 replaced to meet customer demand either through system dispatch of other resources,
11 reducing market sales, increasing market purchases, or any combination of these
12 options. The estimated impact on total-Company NPC in 2022 due to decreased hydro
13 MWhs due to drought is \$151 million.

14 Finally, in December 2022 a historic winter cyclone event occurred across the
15 majority of the United States, which impacted both market prices and natural gas prices,
16 along with an increase in demand. Natural gas prices across the Company's delivery
17 points drastically increased. At the Opal natural gas trading hub, the average market
18 prices were 424 percent higher in December 2022 as compared to December 2021,
19 while market prices at the Mid-Columbia and Four-Corners trading hubs were, on
20 average, 406 percent higher across all load hours. The NPC differential in December
21 alone is \$6.7 million, or 19 percent, of the total Idaho-allocated NPC variance.

22 **Q. How has the conflict in Ukraine impacted regional natural gas fuel prices?**

23 A. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine has resulted in decreased availability of natural gas in

1 Europe, which was previously sourced from Russian imports. With decreased European
2 supply, the associated European demand has turned to U.S. domestic supply to fill the
3 gap. This has resulted in increased competition over domestic supply, which has driven
4 regional natural gas fuel prices upwards due to domestic production being unable to
5 keep pace with the increased demand. This increase in natural gas fuel prices
6 correspondingly increases regional natural gas market prices and regional power
7 market prices, in that order. It is difficult to predict (or forecast) how long, and in what
8 direction, these factors will continue to impact regional prices.

9 **Q. Please describe the primary differences between Actual NPC and Base NPC.**

10 A. From an accounting perspective, and as shown in Table 3, Actual NPC were higher than
11 Base NPC due to a \$178 million reduction in wholesale sales, a \$98 million increase in
12 purchased power expense, a \$382 million increase in natural gas expense, and a \$11
13 million increase in wheeling and other expenses. These items were partially offset by a
14 \$19 million reduction in coal fuel expense.

15 **Q. Please explain the changes in wholesale sales revenue.**

16 A. Wholesale sales revenue declined relative to Base NPC due to higher market prices and
17 a reduction in the wholesale sales volume of market transactions (represented in GRID
18 as short-term firm and system balancing sales). Of the \$178 million decrease to
19 wholesale sales, revenue from market transactions represents the largest change to Base
20 NPC. Market transactions are \$209 million lower than Base NPC, specifically due to
21 the higher market prices and lower volume of market sales transactions mentioned
22 above. The average price of actual market sales transactions was \$22.65/MWh, which

1 is 52 percent higher than the average price in Base NPC. Actual wholesale market
2 volumes were 6,722 gigawatt-hours (“GWh”), or 64 percent, lower than the Base NPC.

3 **Q. Please explain the changes in purchased power expense.**

4 A. The expenses from market transactions (represented in GRID as short-term firm and
5 system balancing purchases) increased by \$412 million compared to Base NPC,
6 making it the most significant driver. Actual market purchases were 1,039 GWh (13
7 percent) lower than Base NPC, but the average price of actual market purchases
8 transactions was \$65.03/MWh (182 percent) higher than Base NPC. The biggest impact
9 to market transaction prices was tied to several heat waves throughout July, August,
10 and September, further compounded by ongoing drought dating back to the summer of
11 2020.

12 During the summer 2022 heat waves, the Mid-Columbia market hub saw an
13 average increase in heavy load hour market prices of 103 percent in August and
14 September as compared to the same timeframe in 2021. This is significant considering
15 2021 also experienced an extreme heat dome and drought. The Four Corners market
16 hub saw an average increase in heavy load hour market prices of 151 percent for the
17 same period.

18 **Q. Please explain the changes in wheeling expenses.**

19 A. The increase in wheeling expenses relative to Base NPC was primarily due to an
20 increase in short-term firm wheeling expense of \$13.5 million.

21 **Q. Please explain the changes in coal fuel expense.**

22 A. Coal fuel expense decreased because coal generation volume decreased 1,484 GWh (5
23 percent) compared to Base NPC. Although the average cost of coal generation

1 increased from \$20.08/MWh in Base NPC to \$20.47/MWh in the Deferral Period, the
2 lower generation volume results in an overall decrease of \$19 million in coal fuel
3 expense.

4 **Q. Please explain the changes in natural gas fuel expense.**

5 A. The total natural gas fuel expense in Actual NPC increased by \$382 million compared
6 to Base NPC. This was mainly due to an increase in average cost of natural gas
7 generation from \$26.95/MWh in Base NPC to \$44.61/MWh in the Deferral Period
8 caused by conflict in Ukraine and a historic winter weather event as discussed above.
9 In addition, there was an increase in gas generation volumes of 5,198 GWh (61
10 percent).

11 **IMPACT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE WEIM**

12 **Q. Are the actual benefits from participating in the WEIM with CAISO included in**
13 **the ECAM deferral?**

14 A. Yes. Participation in the WEIM provides benefits to customers in the form of reduced
15 Actual NPC. The WEIM benefits are embedded in Actual NPC through lower fuel and
16 purchased power costs. According to CAISO's WEIM benefits report, PacifiCorp has
17 received \$200 million in benefits in 2022 and \$591.4 million since the inception of the
18 WEIM.

19 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

20 A. The ECAM deferral of \$32.5 million, including interest, for the Deferral Period, was
21 accurately calculated in compliance with previous Commission orders. Therefore, I
22 respectfully request that the Commission approve this application as filed with rates
23 effective June 1, 2023.

1 Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?

2 A. Yes.

Case No. PAC-E-23-09

Exhibit No. 1

Witness: Jack Painter

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Jack Painter

March 2023

**Idaho Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism Deferra
 January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022**

Line No.				
1	ID Base NPC Embedded in Rates (\$)	PAC-E-21-07		
2	Annual Idaho Base Load @ meter (MWh)	PAC-E-21-07		
3	NPC Rate Embedded in Base Rates (\$/MWh)	Line 1 / Line 2		
Dec-22 Total				
4	NPC Rate Embedded in Base Rates (\$/MWh)	Line 3	\$ 24,54	
5	ID Actual Sales @ Meter (MWh)		299,866	
6	ID NPC Collected in Rates (\$)	Line 4 x Line 5	\$ 7,358,512	\$ 90,966,988
7	Total Company Adjusted Actual NPC (\$)	Adjusted Actual NPC	\$ 267,860,348	\$ 2,018,394,444
8	Total Company Load @ Input (MWh)		5,589,475	61,277,488
9	Actual NPC (\$/MWh)	Line 7 / Line 8	\$ 47.92	\$ 32.94
10	ID Actual Load @ Input (MWh)		292,816	
11	Actual ID NPC	Line 9 x Line 10	\$ 14,032,416	\$ 126,289,814
12	NPC Differential	Line 11 - Line 6	\$ 6,673,903	\$ 35,322,826
EITF 04-6 Adjustment				
13	Idaho Allocated EITF 04-6 Deferral Adjustment (\$)		\$ (7,269)	\$ 190,656
LCAR				
14	Actual Idaho Jurisdictional ECPC minus NPC (Assume Actual = IPAC-E-21-07)		\$ 2,568,242	\$ 30,818,909
15	LCAR Rate @ Meter (\$/MWh)	PAC-E-21-07	\$ 8.74	
16	ID Actual Sales @ Meter (MWh)	Line 5	299,866	
17	LCAR Revenue Collected through Base Rates (\$)	Line 15 x Line 16	\$ 2,620,702	\$ 32,397,497
18	LCAR Adjustment	Line 14 - Line 17	\$ (52,460)	\$ (1,578,588)
ECAM Deferral				
19	Total ECAM Deferral (NPC Deferral, EITF 04-6 Adjustment, LCA Sum of Lines: 12, 13, 18)		6,614,175	33,934,894
20	Total ECAM Deferral after 90% Sharing	Line 19 x 90%	\$ 5,952,758	\$ 30,541,405
Production Tax Credits (PTCs)				
21	ID Allocated PTCs in Rates (\$/MWh)	PAC-E-21-07	\$ (4.16)	
22	ID Actual Sales @ Meter (MWh)	Line 5	299,866	
23	ID PTCs in Rates (\$)	Line 21 x Line 22	\$ (1,248,617)	
24	ID Allocated Actual PTCs (\$)		(1,705,514)	
25	ID PTCs Deferral (\$)	Line 24 - Line 23	\$ (456,897)	\$ 1,388,020
Situs Assigned REP QF Adjustmen				
26	ID REP QF Adjustment (\$)		\$ 85,311	\$ 634,305
Wind Liquidated Damages				
27	ID Allocated Wind Liquidated Damages (\$)		\$ (2,824)	\$ (295,039)
Renewable Energy Credits (REC) Revenue				
28	ID REC Revenue in Rates (\$/MWh)	PAC-E-21-07	\$ (0.07)	
29	ID Actual Sales @ Meter (MWh)	Line 5	299,866	
30	ID REC Revenue in Rates (\$)	Line 28 x Line 29	\$ (20,526)	
31	ID Allocated Actual REC Revenue (\$)		(73,125)	
32	REC Revenue Adjustment (\$)	Line 31 - Line 30	\$ (52,599)	\$ (130,679)
33	Total Deferral	Sum of Lines 20, 25, 26, 27, 32	\$ 5,525,749	\$ 32,138,012
34	Interest Rate	Order No. 34866	1.00%	
ECAM Balancing Account (\$)				
35	Beginning Balance		\$ 38,310,848	
36	ECAM Deferral After Sharing	Line 20	5,952,758	
37	PTCs Deferral	Line 25	(456,897)	
38	REP Situs Adjustment	Line 26	85,311	
39	Wind Liquidated Damages	Line 27	(2,824)	
40	REC Revenue Adjustment	Line 32	(52,599)	
41	Less: Monthly ECAM Rider Revenues allocated to ECAM		(1,928,544)	
42	Interest		33,425	
43	Total ECAM Deferral Balance (\$)		\$ 41,941,478	\$ 41,941,478