

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. PAC-E-23-17</b>
<b>POWER’S APPLICATION TO COMPLETE</b>	)	
<b>THE STUDY REVIEW PHASE OF THE</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF APPLICATION</b>
<b>COSTS AND BENEFITS OF ON-SITE</b>	)	
<b>CUSTOMER GENERATION</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF INTERVENTION</b>
	)	<b>DEADLINE</b>
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	)	<b>ORDER NO. 35870</b>
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On June 29, 2023, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp, (“Rocky Mountain Power” or “Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting the Commission approve the study review phase of the costs and benefits for on-site customer generation.<sup>1</sup> Application at 1. The Company attached its on-site generation study (“Study”) and requested a timeline for processing the case as well as a finding that the Study’s scope satisfied Order No. 34753. *Id.* at 1.

With this Order, the Commission provides notice of the Company’s Application and sets a deadline for interested parties to intervene.

**BACKGROUND**

Commission Order No. 29260 established a net metering program for the Company’s Idaho customers through Schedule 135. *Id.* at 2. The program would compensate customers for any net exported energy with a credit if the energy generated exceeded the energy the customer was supplied during each billing period. *Id.*

In June 2019, in Case No PAC-E-19-08, the Company petitioned the Commission to make several substantive modifications to its net metering program.

In October 2019, in Case No. IPC-E-18-15, Idaho Power Company and Commission Staff jointly submitted a settlement requesting changes to Idaho Power Company’s net metering program, which the Commission rejected for its lack of a comprehensive study on system impacts and the compensation structure for excess generation. *Id.* The Commission directed Idaho Power to file a study of the costs and benefits of distributed on-site generation. *Id.* at 5. Based on the

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. 34753 defined the scope of the Company’s study.

Commission's instruction to Idaho Power, the Company modified its Application in Case No. PAC-E-19-08, and Commission Staff recommended the Company complete a study consistent with the Commission's expectations of Idaho Power's study. *Id.* The Commission ordered the Company to complete a study of on-site generation and directed the Company to design a study scope consistent with Order No. 34753. *Id.* at 6.

### **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company requests the Commission provide direction and process allowing the Company to complete the study review phase for the Commission's acknowledgment. The Company attached its on-site generation Study as Attachment No. 1 to its Application.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Study covers 33 required items. The Study evaluates various valuations of on-site generation, and examines the methods, inputs, and assumptions, components of the export credit rate ("ECR"), integration costs, and implementation issues. *Id.* at 7. The Study also discusses potential ECR options and considerations for the Commission and stakeholders, but does not endorse a specific ECR approach. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company provides an overview of the 2,200 on-site customer generation customers in Idaho, and the potential impact these approaches have on those customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests the Commission (1) establish a formal process for the public and other parties to comment on the Study, and (2) issue an order acknowledging that the Study complies with previous Commission directives as defined in Order No. 34753.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company provided notice of the Study to customers through media outlets and bill inserts.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, the Study, the customer notice and bill insert, 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](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "ELECTRIC" icon, select "Open Cases," and then 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 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 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.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.** Such persons shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their email address to facilitate further communications. After the intervention deadline runs, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties that identifies the parties and assigns exhibit numbers to each party. Once the Notice of Parties has issued, Commission Staff shall informally confer with the Company and any intervening parties about how to further process this case and shall then report back to the Commission on a proposed case schedule.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons who would like to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination do not have to intervene but may present their views by submitting written comments to the Commission.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following people 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 matter must file a Petition to Intervene no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order. Once the deadline has passed, the Commission Secretary shall prepare and issue a Notice of Parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Notice of Parties has issued, Commission Staff shall confer with the parties regarding a procedural schedule for this matter including, if necessary, a hearing in this matter.

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 31st day of July 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

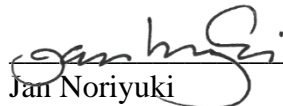


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