

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. PAC-E-24-01
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR)	
APPROVAL OF A CAPACITY DEFICIENCY)	ORDER NO. 36304
PERIOD TO BE USED FOR AVOIDED COST)	
CALCULATIONS)	
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On January 19, 2024, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (“Company”), filed an application (“Application”) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for approval of the capacity deficiency period determination to be used for Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”) avoided cost rates.

On April 29, 2024, Commission Staff (“Staff”) submitted comments that included five recommendations. On May 13, 2024, the Company submitted Reply Comments and filed a compliance filing with modifications reflecting Staff’s recommendations with the exception of Staff’s recommendation regarding early coal retirements. The compliance filing shows a first capacity deficiency period in the summer of 2025.

On July 2, 2024, the Commission issued Order No. 36246 requiring the Company to submit an updated compliance filing that only included early retirements evaluated and approved by the Commission.

On July 23, 2024, the Company filed an updated compliance filing. On July 31, 2024, Staff updated the SAR Model and the published avoided cost rates using the first capacity deficiency period of the summer of 2025, and Staff sent both the SAR Model and the updated avoided cost rates to the Company for verification.

On August 6, 2024, the Company filed a letter with the Commission agreeing with Staff’s updates.

COMMISSION FINDINGS AND DECISION

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501, -502, and -503. *Idaho Code* § 61-501 authorizes the Commission to “supervise and regulate every public utility in the state and to do all things necessary to carry out the spirit and intent of the [Public Utilities Law].” *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502 and -503 empower the Commission to investigate rates, charges, rules, regulations, practices, and contracts of public utilities and to determine whether

they are just, reasonable, preferential, discriminatory, or in violation of any provision of law, and to fix the same by order. In addition, the Commission has authority under PURPA and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) regulations to set avoided costs, to order electric utilities to enter fixed-term obligations for the purchase of energy and capacity from QFs, and to implement FERC rules. The Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61 and PURPA.

The Commission has reviewed the Application, all submitted materials, and all submitted comments. Based on its review of the record, the Commission finds it fair, just, and reasonable to approve July 2025 as the Company’s capacity deficit date for avoided cost determinations under the SAR methodology, for both SAR-Based Contracts and IRP-Based Contracts, and to approve the updated published avoided cost rates and updated SAR Model filed by Staff on July 31, 2024.


ORDER

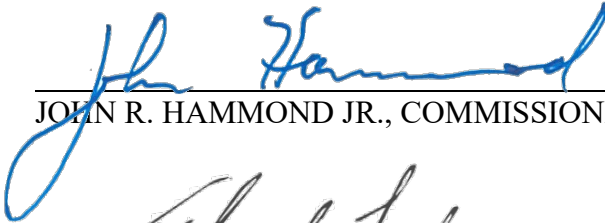
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company’s capacity deficit date for avoided cost determinations under the SAR methodology, for both SAR-Based Contracts and IRP-Based Contracts shall be July 2025.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the updated published avoided cost rates and updated SAR Model filed by Staff on July 31, 2024, is approved.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date upon this Order regarding any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-626 and 62-619.

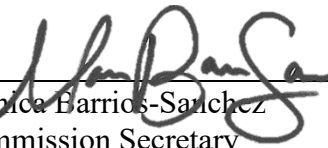
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho, this 6th day of September 2024.


ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Monica Barrios-Sanchez
Commission Secretary

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