

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. PAC-E-25-01
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR)
APPROVAL OF THE DECOMMISSION AND) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
SALE OF THE PARIS HYDROELECTRIC)
PROJECT GENERATING FACILITIES) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
) PROCEDURE
)
) NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC
) CUSTOMER HEARING
)
) ORDER NO. 36528

On February 6, 2025, PacifiCorp, d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting an order approving the decommissioning of the Paris Hydroelectric Project generating facilities (“Paris Project”) and determining that the decommissioning and property disposition is in the public interest.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the Paris Project is a 715-kilowatt (“kW”) hydroelectric project located in Bear Lake County, Idaho. Application at 3. The Company states that it will decommission the Paris Project and will offer the Company-owned land for sale. *Id.* at 6-7. The Company represents that it will decommission the Paris Project in exchange for a 15 cubic feet per second (“cfs”) reduction in the Grace Development’s bypassed reach, which will result in increased water available for generation at the Grace Development. *Id.* at 7.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the decommissioning activities for the Paris Project include: 1) removing the concrete forebay inlet structure and the slide gate; 2) grading the earthen forebay embankments to resemble natural landforms; 3) removing the concrete outlet structure, gates, and trash racks; 4) removing the steel penstock and support piers; 5) removing the concrete elements of the spillway and flume; 6) decommissioning the power house by removing and disposing of its contents and disconnecting the power house from the Company’s distribution system to leave the structure secure and empty on-site; 7) removing the discharge pipe sections

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across the road from the power house; 8) removing the concrete tailrace basin and slide gates; 9) leaving the Paris Relief Flume (an iron pipe and trestle structure) in-place; and 10) demolishing the employee house and disposing of the material off-site. *Id.* The Company states that all disturbed areas will be graded and seeded after decommissioning activities have been completed. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the total cost of decommissioning the Paris Project is approximately \$1.6 million. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that at the conclusion of decommissioning the Company will sell approximately 31.7 acres of land; an empty stone powerhouse; a domestic well; and a garage. *Id.* at 9. The Company also states that a request for proposal process will be used to solicit bids to salvage the generation equipment, and an additional 4.3 acres will be donated to a public entity for public access to Paris Creek as part of the Paris Creek Restoration Agreement. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documents are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission’s office. The Application is 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 all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code, and 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 that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Procedure 201-204, 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 the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written

comments and explain why written comments alone are insufficient. **Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by May 8, 2025.** 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 <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, persons must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and all parties at the e-mail addresses listed below. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and the Parties at the addresses below. Persons submitting a comment by mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by May 22, 2025.**

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 final 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.

NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC CUSTOMER HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure contemplate that a case will be processed by written submissions without the need for a public hearing. However, the Commission finds good cause to schedule a telephonic public hearing in this case pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-328.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a public telephonic customer hearing in this matter on **May 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. (Mountain Daylight Time)**. The purpose of the customer hearing is to take testimony from members of the public and customers of the Company. To participate, interested persons can call **1-415-655-0001** shortly before the designated time, and enter the meeting number **2870 212 9984** when prompted. Those planning to testify are encouraged to start calling in to the hearing at about 10:45 a.m. (Mountain Daylight Time) on May 13, 2025.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the telephonic hearing will meet accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance to participate in or to understand testimony at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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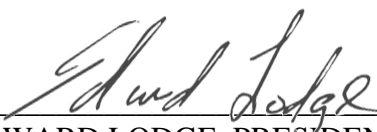
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure. Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by May 8, 2025. The Company must file any reply comments by May 22, 2025.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission will conduct a public telephonic customer hearing in this matter on May 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. (Mountain Daylight Time), to take testimony from members of the public and customers of the Company.

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 1st day of April 2025.



EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

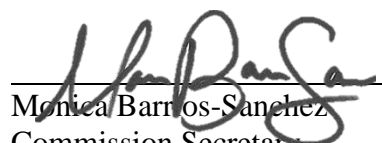


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



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Monica Barros-Sanchez
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