

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. PAC-E-25-07
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER)
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF UPDATED) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
VARIABLE ENERGY PRICES FOR QFs)
SUBJECT TO TERMS OF THE 1992) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN POWER) PROCEDURE
PURCHASE AGREEMENTS)

) ORDER NO. 36579

On April 17, 2025, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of the updated Qualifying Facility (“QF”) variable energy price pursuant to the terms of the 1992 amendments to certain Idaho QFs power purchase agreements. The Company requests a July 1, 2025, effective date.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in 2003 the Commission approved a revision to the variable energy price for QFs holding certain power sales contracts. Order No. 29316 at 1. The Company states that 13 of the revised QFs had Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (“PURPA”) contracts with the Company that included a Commission approved 1992 Amendment. Application at 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that of the 13 QF contracts originally subject to the 1992 Amendment, only one QF contract—the Marsh Valley Hydro contract—remains in effect. *Id.* This contract will remain in effect through February 28, 2028. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that per the 1992 Amendment, the variable energy rate is the sum of the Company’s fuel costs¹ and the Colstrip variable O&M cost. *Id.* The Company states its average cost of fuel in 2024 was \$39.38 per megawatt hour (“MWh”), and the variable operation and maintenance expense set for Colstrip generating facility

¹ The Company’s fuel costs were defined pursuant to the 1992 Amendment as “the average cost of fuel consumed in the Utah Division Plants, specifically Carbon, Hale, Naughton, Huntington, and Hunter Coal plants.” Application at 2 (quoting Order No. 28708).

was \$1.51 per MWh. *Id.* Based on these prices, the Company proposed updating the variable energy rate applicable to deliveries to \$40.89 per MWh. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is 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 within 21 days of the service date of this Order.** 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 **within 28 days of the service date of this Order.**

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.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Application be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so within 21 days of the service date of this Order. The Company must file any reply comments within 28 days of the service date of this Order.

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 30th day of April 2025.



EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

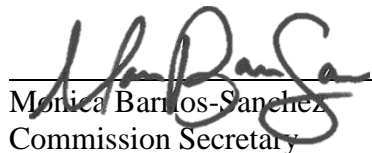


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