## **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

TO: COMMISSIONER LODGE

COMMISSIONER HAMMOND COMMISSION SECRETARY

**COMMISSION STAFF** 

**LEGAL** 

FROM: ADAM TRIPLETT

**DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL** 

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF TYLER HILLMAN'S FORMAL COMPLAINT

AGAINST PACIFICORP D/B/A ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER; CASE

NO. PAC-E-25-09.

On May 5, 2025, Tyler Hillman filed a formal complaint with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") against PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power Company ("Company"). Mr. Hillman alleged that he contacted the Company to connect a home he owns near Dubois, Idaho, to the Company's power system. After contracting with the Company to connect to a line near his residence, Mr. Hillman alleges that he installed a transformer box and conduit at the residence at a cost of \$11,040. Subsequently, Mr. Hillman learned that a third-party owned the line near his residence and would not allow him to connect to it. Mr. Hillman claims the Company has maintained the line since 1998, even though it is owned by a third party. The Company reimbursed Mr. Hillman the costs he incurred to prepare to connect to the line near his home after he signed a release of all claims.

Mr. Hillman claims he was later informed that the Company had formed an agreement with the line's owner to allow Mr. Hillman to connect to it. However, when he contacted the Company, its representatives denied knowledge of any such agreement. Mr. Hillman states that connecting to the nearest above-ground pole the Company owns would cost him about \$150,000. According to Mr. Hillman, the Company has violated Electronic Service Regulation ("ESR") No. 12 – Line Extensions. He asks the Commission to investigate the alleged violation and require the Company to provide him electric service as originally agreed.

On July 9, 2025, the Commission issued Order No. 36772, conditionally dismissing Mr. Hillman's formal complaint for failing to satisfy pleading requirements to state a claim within

the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission provided Mr. Hillman 30 days to file an amended complaint and notified him that the failure to do so could result in the entry of a final order dismissing his complaint. Mr. Hillman failed to file an amended complaint within the allotted 30 days.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission issue a final order dismissing Mr. Hillman's complaint.

## **COMMISSION DECISION**

1. Does the Commission wish to issue a final order dismissing Mr. Hillman's complaint?

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Deputy Attorney General

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