

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN ) CASE NO. PAC-E-26-07**  
**POWER’S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL )**  
**OF UPDATED VARIABLE ENERGY PRICES )**  
**FOR QFs PURSUANT TO TERMS OF THE ) ORDER NO. 37075**  
**1992 AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN POWER )**  
**PURCHASE AGREEMENTS )**  
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On April 16, 2026, 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 (“Application”). The Company requested a July 1, 2026, effective date.

On May 7, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, establishing deadlines for public comments and Company comments. Order No. 37030. No public comments were received.

Based on our review of the record, the Commission issues this Final Order approving a variable energy rate of \$40.98 per megawatt-hour (“MWh”) for certain Idaho QF power purchase agreements subject to Commission Order No. 29316, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

**BACKGROUND**

A revision to the variable energy price for QFs holding certain power sales contracts was approved by Order No. 29316, with an effective date of July 1, 2003. Application at 2. In 2003, 13 of the revised QFs had Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (“PURPA”) contracts with the Company that included a Commission approved 1992 Amendment outlining the methodology used for determining the variable energy price component of the avoided cost rate. *Id.* Of the 13 QF contracts originally subject to the 1992 Amendment, only one QF contract remains in effect. *Id.* The Company stated that the Marsh Valley Hydro contract will be in effect through February 28, 2028. *Id.*

## THE APPLICATION

Per the 1992 Amendment, the variable energy rate is the sum of the Company's fuel costs and the Colstrip variable operation and maintenance ("O&M") cost. *Id.* The Company stated that the average cost of fuel consumed at the Utah Division coal plants (the proxy for the Company's fuel costs) for the calendar year 2025 was \$39.47 per MWh, and the variable O&M expense set for Colstrip generating facility was \$1.51 per MWh. *Id.* at 3. The Company proposed the variable energy rate applicable to deliveries from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, of \$40.98 per MWh. *Id.* at 3.

## STAFF COMMENTS

Staff reviewed the Company's Application and calculations. Staff Comments at 2. Staff confirmed that the \$40.98 per MWh variable energy rate was correctly calculated using the data reported in the Company's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Form 1. *Id.* Staff recommended the Commission approve the variable energy rate of \$40.98 per MWh, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 for certain Idaho QFs. *Id.*

## COMMISSION FINDINGS AND DECISION

The Commission has jurisdiction over the Company's Application and the issues in this case under Title 61 of the Idaho Code including, *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501, -502, and -503. The Commission is empowered to investigate rates, charges, rules, regulations, practices, and contracts of all public utilities and to determine whether they are just, reasonable, preferential, discriminatory, or in violation of any provisions of law, and to fix the same by order. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501, -502, and -503.

The Commission has reviewed the record, including the Company's Application and Staff's Comments. Based on this review, we find it reasonable to approve the Application as filed. Accordingly, the Commission finds that a variable energy rate of \$40.98 per MWh, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, is fair, just, and reasonable.


## ORDER


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the variable energy rate of \$40.98 per MWh for certain Idaho QF power purchase agreements subject to Commission Order No. 29316, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, is approved.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within 21 days of the service date of this Order regarding any matter decided in

this Order. Within 7 days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *Idaho Code* § 61-626.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

  
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EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

  
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JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

  
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Commission Secretary

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