BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S APPLICATION TO UPDATE LOAD AND GAS FORECASTS USED IN THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN AVOIDED COST MODEL	**CASE NO. PAC-E-26-14** **NOTICE OF APPLICATION** **NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE** **ORDER NO. 37221**

On October 15, 2026, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp ("Company"), applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for approval of updated load forecast, natural gas price forecast, and contracts used as inputs in the Company's Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") avoided cost calculations—as required by Order Nos. 32697 and 32802 ("Application"). The Company requests an effective date of January 1, 2027.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing written comment deadlines.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Order No. 32697 mandates that the Company update its IRP methodology calculation to ensure accurate avoided costs for new, eligible Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act ("PURPA") qualifying facilities ("QFs"). Application at 1. The Company noted that it is generally required to update inputs to the calculation on a biennial basis (after Commission acknowledgement of its IRP) but that load and natural gas forecasts are to be updated annually. *Id.* at 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that its load forecast reflects assumptions used in developing the 2025 IRP Update preferred portfolio and the energy efficiency selections reported in the Company's IRP Update filing of March 31, 2026. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company explains that its load forecast increased from last year's filing primarily as a result of load growth in Utah, including the Kennecott load service contract. *Id.* at 3. The Company states that, despite a slightly higher forecast, its Idaho forecasted load remains stable over time. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that no large new loads are included in the forecast, and the Company excludes resources procured to serve large new loads from the list of executed contracts. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that 2027 to 2030 forecasted natural gas prices in all hubs are lower than last year's forecast. *Id.* at 5. For 2031 and beyond, the Opal Gas hub (the primary index for the Company's Utah and Wyoming natural gas resources) price forecast is slightly higher than the previous year's filing, while the forecasted prices at other hubs are lower. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that it entered 15 long-term contracts, including 10 long-term QF contracts, for a total nameplate capacity of 447 megawatts ("MW") since last year's filing. *Id.* at 7. Additionally, four long-term contracts with a total nameplate capacity of 19 MW have terminated. *Id.* Currently, the Company is a party to 42 non-PURPA, long-term power purchase agreements (nameplate capacity of 5,370 MW), and 170 PURPA QF contracts (nameplate capacity of 2,208 MW). *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and attachments are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are 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 December 2, 2026.** 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 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 that 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 that 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 December 9, 2026.**

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 by December 2, 2026. The Company must file any reply comments by December 9, 2026.

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. 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 5th day of November 2026.

EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

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