



PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Rocky Mountain Power

Application to increase its rates and charges in Idaho

CASE NO. PAC-E-24-04

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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INTRODUCTIONS

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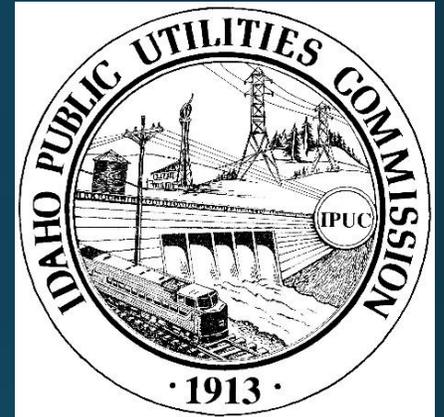
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Ty Johnson
Auditor

BACKGROUND

Rocky Mountain Power

- Serves customers in 14 counties in southeast Idaho, including the cities of Rexburg, Preston, Shelley, and Montpelier.
- Part of PacifiCorp, which also provides electric service in Utah, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, and California

BACKGROUND

Rocky Mountain Power in Idaho serves approximately:

- 73,000 – Residential Customers
- 6,000 – Irrigation Customers
- 11,000 – Commercial Customers
- 600 – Industrial Customers
- 350 – Street Lighting Customers

APPLICATION

Rocky Mountain Power request:

- Filed May 31, 2024
- \$92.4 million (26.8%) increase to its revenue requirement over two-years.
- The Company's proposed effective dates:
 - January 1, 2025
 - January 1, 2026

Rate Case Drivers

Drivers for Rate Increases	
Net Power Cost	\$50.1 Million
Capital Investments	\$13.5 Million
Catastrophic Fund	\$11.1 Million
Insurance Cost Adjustment	\$9.8 Million
Insurance Premium Deferral (3 Yrs.)	\$2.6 Million
Other	\$5.3 Million
Total	\$92.4 Million

- Net Power Cost
 - Half of the increase
- Capital Investments
 - Transmission
 - Wind
 - Hydro
 - Steam
- Insurance Cost Adjustment
- Catastrophic Fire Fund

Review Process

Next steps

- Staff and other parties are reviewing the Application.
- Verify and review the following:
 - Capital Improvements
 - Annual revenues and expenses
 - Requested capital structure and cost of capital
 - Pro forma adjustments
 - Ratepayer impact

**Net Power Cost
Phase-in Rate Plan
Renewable Energy Credit ("REC") Option Program**

**Yao Yin
Utilities Analyst**

Net Power Costs (“NPC”)

- NPC are forecasted expenses included in base rates that are directly related to the Company’s cost to produce power for its customers.
- It includes fuel expenses, power purchased from the wholesale market, transmission expenses, less revenues from sales of power it provides to the wholesale market and other utilities.
- NPC make up approximately 54% of the Company’s requested base rate increase.
- The NPC approved in this case will be “trued-up” in the Company’s annual Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (“ECAM”) filings so that customers pay no more or no less than the actual NPC incurred, minus customer sharing.
- The difference between the actual NPC and the base NPC is subject to a 90%/10% customer sharing band between Customers and the Company.

Net Power Cost

Proposed Modification of the Sharing Band

- The purpose of sharing in the ECAM is to incentivize the Company to reduce its actual NPC charged to customers.
- The Current Sharing Band in the ECAM
 - When actual NPC is less than the amount in base rates – Customers are refunded 90% of the difference and the Company keeps 10%
 - When actual NPC is greater than the amount in base rates – Customers are only charged 90% of the difference and the Company eats 10%.
- The Company is proposing to change the 90%/10% sharing band to a 95%/5% sharing band.

Phase-in Rate Plan

(2-year Phase In)

- The Company is proposing the \$92.4-million increase in base rates through two rate changes.

	Effective Jan. 1, 2025	Effective Jan. 1, 2026	Total Amount of Increase
Amount of Increase	\$66.7 Million	\$25.7 Million	\$92.4 Million

Renewable Energy Credit (“REC”) Option Program (Sch No. 74)

- A Renewable Energy Credit (“REC”) is earned by the Company when it generates 1 Mega-watt Hour of renewable energy and carries a tradeable monetary value.
- The Company currently sells Idaho-allocated RECs and credits this value to customers through the ECAM.
- Customers who voluntarily opt in to the program will allow the Company to retire RECs on their behalf, instead of taking the value of their share of the credits, to help achieve their sustainability goals.

Rate Proposal

Michael Eldred
Utilities Analyst

Overall Rate Proposal

Customer class	
Residential (Schedule 1)	24.1 %
Residential-Time of Day (Schedule 36)	26.4%
Commercial/Industrial - Large Power (Schedule 6)	28.6%
Commercial/Industrial – High Voltage – Schedule 9	26.4%
Irrigation (Schedule 10)	30.9%
Commercial/Industrial – Schedule 23	27.6%
Commercial/Industrial-Time of Day – Schedule 35	29.1%
Public Street Lighting	6.7%
Contract – Schedule 400	26.2%
Overall	26.8%

Two Year Rate Proposal

Year 1 Proposed rate change, effective January 1, 2025

Year 2 Proposed rate change, effective January 1, 2026

Customer class	Year 1	Year 2
Residential (Schedule 1)	17.9%	5.3 %
Residential-Time of Day - (Schedule 36)	19.2%	6.0%
Commercial/Industrial - Large Power- (Schedule 6)	20.5%	6.8%
Commercial/Industrial - High Voltage - (Schedule 9)	18.6%	6.5%
Irrigation (Schedule 10)	22.5%	6.8%
Commercial/Industrial (Schedule 23)	19.9%	6.4%
Commercial/Industrial -Time of Day - (Schedule 35)	20.8%	6.9%
Public Street Lighting	6.7%	0%
Contract (Schedule 400)	18.5%	6.5%
Overall	19.4%	6.3%

Company Proposal – Schedule 1 Residential Average Monthly Change

Based on Average use of 836 kWh

	Current Bill	Year 1	Year 2
Customer Charge	\$12.25	\$16.50	\$20.75
Monthly Rate	\$93.37	\$109.52	\$112.49
Total	\$105.62	\$126.02	\$133.24

Company Proposal – Schedule 36 Residential Time of Day Average Monthly Change

Based on Average use of 1409 kWh

	Current Bill	Year 1	Year 2
Customer Charge	\$17.75	\$20.75	\$23.50
Monthly Rate	\$154.24	\$184.26	\$204.99
Total	\$171.99	\$205.01	\$228.49

Consumer Assistance

Curtis Thaden
Utilities Compliance Investigator

Consumer Assistance

Utility Compliance Investigators:

- Assist customers to resolve issues and/or disputes with the Company
- Monitor compliance with Laws, Commission Rules, and the Company's Tariff

In a rate case, Investigators:

- Review issues from previous cases
- Review previous complaints
- Review submitted comments from customers
- Investigate consumer issues raised in the case

Customer Comments

Customer written comments are due prior to the Commission closing the record on the case (Reference Case Number **PAC-E-24-07**)

Internet Website Address – puc.idaho.gov

- **Select** - Case Comment Form (**once comments are submitted, they become part of public record**)
- **Email:** secretary@puc.idaho.gov
- **Mail** – IPUC, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074
- **Public** Customer hearing is TBD (**pending a Commission Order**)

COMMENTS ONLY
(QUESTIONS WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED)

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Submit electronically below or send in to:

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P O Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074
FAX: (208) 334-3762

Use the [Consumer Complaint / Inquiry Form](#) if you need help resolving a problem with a utility or have a question about your bill, disconnection of service, service reliability and outages, cost of a line extension, customer service, or other issues that are not related to a utility case.

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First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

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06/03/2024	PAC-E-24-04	03/14/2024	Rate	Notice Received	PACIFICORP -- GENERAL RATE CASE

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Case Number PAC-E-24-04

Direct: (208) 334-0300

Toll-Free: (800) 432-0369

Fax: (208) 334-3762

Next Steps

- **Customers can:** subscribe to the Commission's RSS feed to receive updates about all cases via email.
- **Please continue** subscribing your comments.
- **Reminder** - deadline for customer comment is TBD, pending a Commission Order.
- **Customer Hearing** –TBD, pending a Commission Order.



CASE SCHEDULE



Event	Date	Time
Case Filed	May 31, 2024	
Virtual Public Workshop	September 25, 2024	6 pm
Staff Comments	TBD – Pending Commission Order	
Written Public Comments	TBD – Pending Commission Order	
Public Customer Hearing (TBD)	TBD – Pending Commission Order	TBD
Company Reply Comments	TBD – Pending Commission Order	
Close of Case	Final Order	



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