

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: MARCH 10, 2016

**SUBJECT: ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S APPLICATION TO MODIFY
ELECTRIC SERVICE SCHEDULE 135 – NET METERING SERVICE
CASE NO. PAC-E-16-07**

On February 29, 2016, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power applied to the Commission for authority to modify Electric Service Schedule 135 – Net Metering Service by raising the current participation cap from 714 kilowatts (kW) to 2,000 kW. The Company explains that it began offering net metering service to customers in 2003 pursuant to Commission Order No. 29260, with capped participation in the net metering service at 714 kW. The Order also indicated that the cap should be reviewed when that limit is reached. The Company now reports that, as of December 31, 2015, participation in the net metering service has exceeded the 714 kW cap, with 161 customers on the net metering service having 1,049 kW of interconnected load. The Company does not wish to remove the cap entirely because it is a useful check point for the Company to report to the Commission on the extent to which the Company and non-participating customers are subsidizing net metering customers. The Company states that currently the subsidy is a minor part of total Idaho retail revenues. But the subsidy will need to be addressed in the future. The Company thus proposes to maintain a cap as a future check point for its continuing reports to the Commission. The Company proposes to raise the cap to 2,000 kW.

The Company requests that the new rates take effect on April 1, 2016, and that the case be processed by Modified Procedure.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff concurs with the use of Modified Procedure. Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting a 21-day comment period and a 7-day reply period.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting a 21-day comment period and 7-day reply period?

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