

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN) CASE NO. PAC-E-19-10
POWER’S APPLICATION TO MAINTAIN)
ITS CURRENT BPA RESIDENTIAL) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
EXCHANGE PROGRAM CREDIT FROM)
OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER) NOTICE OF
30, 2021) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 34432

On August 13, 2019, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power (“Rocky Mountain” or “Company”) applied to the Commission for an order approving no change to the Company’s current Electric Service Schedule 34—Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act Residential and Farm Kilowatt-Hour Credit (“Schedule 34”). Under the Company’s proposal, Schedule 34 customers would continue to receive a Residential Exchange Program (“REP”) credit of \$0.008403 per Kilowatt-Hour (“kWh”). The Company requests its Application be process by Modified Procedure, and proposes an effective date of October 1, 2019.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting comment and reply deadlines.

BACKGROUND

The Northwest Power Act of 1980 created the REP program administered by Bonneville Power Administration. The REP allows participating utilities, including Rocky Mountain, to pass the benefits of the Federal Columbia River Power System to eligible residential, small farm, and irrigation customers through rate credits.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company proposes to distribute \$8.2 million in REP payments annually to its Schedule 34 customers, from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021. This proposed rate credit includes \$7.8 million in annual REP benefits plus a \$1.6 million undistributed balance in the Company’s Idaho REP balancing account, reduced by a look-back payment of \$1.2 million.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that according to the Company’s rate design, using 1.0 Gigawatt-Hour as the historical usage level of Schedule 34 customers with the proposed

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distribution of \$8.2 million, the REP rate credit would be \$0.008156 per kWh from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that instead of distributing a \$0.008156 per kWh REP rate credit, the Company proposes to continue distributing the higher, \$0.008403 per kWh rate credit to Schedule 34 customers.¹

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that by continuing with the Schedule 34 rate credit at \$0.008403 per kWh instead of \$0.008156 per kWh, the Company would over-allocate approximately \$248,000 annually to Schedule 34 customers from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documents have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "Open Cases" link under the heading "Electric" and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

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, including *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501-61-503. The Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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 Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. *See* IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

¹ \$0.008403 per kWh is the same REP rate credit distributed from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019, when the Company was distributing \$8.5 million in annual REP credits.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application **may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by no later than September 13, 2019.** The written comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting it. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request one in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

For the Commission:
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

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472 W. Washington Street
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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Utility Case Comment or Question Form" under the "Consumers" tab, and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, by **no later than September 18, 2019.**

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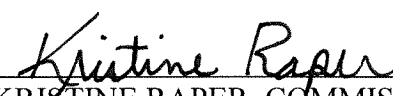
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204. *See* IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by September 13, 2019. The Company may file reply comments, if necessary, by no later than September 18, 2019.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 30th
day of August 2019.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

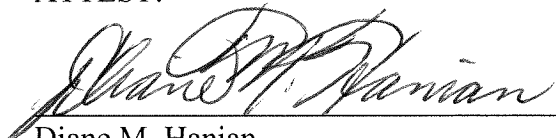


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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