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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Attention: Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

Re: **Case No. PAC-E-08-03**
In the matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing Construction of the Populus-to-Terminal 345 kV Transmission Line Project

Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp, hereby submits for filing an original and nine (9) copies of its Application in the above referenced matter.

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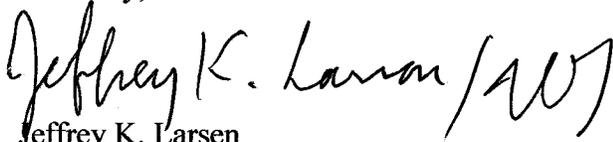
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Any informal inquiries may also be directed to Ted Weston at 801-220-2963.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey K. Larsen" followed by a stylized monogram "JWL".

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the matter of the Application of)
Rocky Mountain Power for a Certificate)
of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing)
Construction of the Populus-to-Terminal)
345 kV Transmission Line Project)

CASE NO. PAC-E-08-03

APPLICATION

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Pursuant to Idaho Code § 61-526, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp, (“Rocky Mountain Power” or the “Company”), hereby applies to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction of a 345 kV transmission line, known as the Populus – Terminal Transmission Line (the “Transmission Line”), in Bannock and Oneida Counties, including a new substation to be constructed at Downey, Idaho (collectively, the “Project”). In support of this Application, Rocky Mountain Power states as follows:

1. Rocky Mountain Power is an electrical corporation and public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. A certified copy of PacifiCorp's articles of incorporation are on file with the Commission. In addition to providing retail electric service in the state of Idaho, Rocky Mountain Power provides retail electric service in Utah and Wyoming.

2. Communications, including all pleadings or other filings, regarding this filing should be addressed to:

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3. Over the last decade, the Company has experienced significant increases in its retail load. As a result, the existing transmission line infrastructure will be unable to continue to provide the transmission capacity necessary for providing safe, reliable and efficient electric service to its customers.

4. In order to meet its load requirements the Company proposes to construct a new 345 kV transmission line along a certain alignment between the existing Terminal

Substation located southwest of the Salt Lake International Airport and a new 345 kV substation (“Populus Substation”) to be located outside Downey, Idaho. A separate application is being filed with the Utah Public Service Commission for the segment of the Transmission Line within Utah.

5. The Project will also fulfill Rocky Mountain Power’s commitment as agreed upon in that certain stipulation filed by PacifiCorp in Case No. PAC-E-05-08 for the approval of the transaction in which Mid-American Energy Holdings Company acquired PacifiCorp. More specifically, Commitment No. 34 provides that Rocky Mountain Power agreed to construct transmission projects that enhance reliability, facilitate the receipt of renewable resources, or enable further system optimization. The Project, which is planned to increase the Company’s Idaho-Utah transfer capability by 1,400 MW, is a fulfillment of that commitment to increase capacity by 300 MW (from S.E. Idaho to Northern Utah) referenced in Case No. PAC-E-05-08 as the “Path C Upgrade.”

6. As further described in testimony accompanying this Application, the Project will:

a. provide and enhance reliability for Rocky Mountain Power customers throughout Rocky Mountain Power’s certificated service territory because it will increase transfer capability between the east and west control areas;

b. facilitate the delivery of power from the Goshen wind power project and other power projects that are expected to be constructed in Idaho and Wyoming; and

c. provide Rocky Mountain Power with greater flexibility and the

opportunity to consider additional options regarding planned generation capacity additions.

7. Rocky Mountain Power anticipates the total cost of the Project, including the Populus Substation and that segment of the Transmission Line within the state of Utah, to be approximately \$750 million.

8. Rocky Mountain Power has in place franchise agreements for the total line route within the state of Idaho, including Bannock and Oneida Counties as well as all relevant municipalities and townships that allow for the construction of power lines within public thoroughfares. In addition, Rocky Mountain Power has applied, or is in the process of preparing applications with local counties and governmental entities that require conditional use permits or other similar authorizations.

9. PacifiCorp has the capability to finance the Project using the Company's internally generated funds and access external capital markets. Although the Company is not seeking ratemaking treatment at this time, if all costs of the Project are included in the Company's revenue requirement, the impact on the Company's Idaho rates is estimated to be approximately 3%.

10. The present and future public convenience requires the construction of the proposed Project. The Project will not conflict with or adversely affect the operations of any existing certificated fixed public utility providing retail electric service to the public. The Project does not constitute an extension into the certificated service territory of any existing public electric utilities.

11. The following testimony is filed in support of this Application:

a. Direct Testimony of John Cupparo.

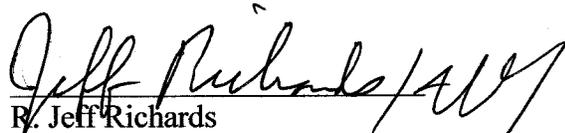
- b. Direct Testimony of Sharon Seppi.
- c. Direct Testimony of Bruce N. Williams.

12. In order to expedite the Commission's determination in this matter Rocky Mountain Power is assembling documents it anticipates parties will likely desire to examine as part of their analysis of this Application. The availability of those documents for inspection should expedite parties' review of this Application and considerably diminish the need for discovery in this docket.

WHEREFORE, Rocky Mountain Power requests:

- a. The Commission enter an order as expeditiously as possible granting Rocky Mountain Power a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct the Project as described herein; and
- b. The Commission grant such other authority and authorizations as may be necessary to facilitate the construction of the Project.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of April, 2008.


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