BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

)
) CASE NO. PAC-E-08-03
) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE)

On April 18, 2008, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power ("Rocky Mountain Power") filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-526 through 528, IDAPA 31.01.01.111 and 112 and Commission Order No. 26665. Rocky Mountain Power is seeking the Commission's authorization to construct a 345 kV Transmission Line a/k/a Populus-Terminal Transmission Line to be located in Bannock and Oneida Counties and a new substation to be located in Downey, Idaho.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that PacifCorp, a Utah corporation providing retail electric service to customers in Utah, Wyoming and Idaho with its principal place of business in Salt Lake City, Utah, seeks the Commission's authorization to construct a 345 kV Transmission Line ("Transmission Line") and a new substation to be located in Downey, Idaho, hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Project." The Transmission Line portion of the Project would extend from an existing substation located southwest of the Salt Lake City International Airport to the new substation in Downey, Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain Power believes the Project is necessary and in the public interest so that the Company can meet the demand associated with "significant increases in its retail loads" and enhance reliability of service for its customers through increased transfer capability between the Company's east and west control areas.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain Power states that the Project will allow the delivery of power from its Goshen Wind Project, as well as future power projects the Company anticipates that it will construct in Idaho and Wyoming.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain Power believes the Project will provide the Company with more flexibility in assessing planned additions to its generation capacity.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the total cost of the Project is estimated to be around \$750 million.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain Power has secured franchise agreements permitting construction within "public thoroughfares" and has applied, or is in the process of applying, with local governmental entities for conditional-use permits and other similar land use authorizations.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain Power asserts that it will be able to finance the Project either from its own internal funds or through external capital sources. The Company estimates that the Project will increase its revenue requirement from its Idaho customers by approximately 3%.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain Power does not contemplate that the Project will conflict with or otherwise affect the operations of existing public electric utilities.

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 will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, 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.

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 within sixty (60) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Rocky Mountain Power at the addresses reflected below:

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

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street Boise, ID 83702-5918

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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 "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to Rocky Mountain Power at the e-mail addresses listed above.

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 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application seeking the Commission's authorization to construct a 345 kV Transmission Line, a/k/a Populus-Terminal Transmission Line, to be located in Bannock and Oneida Counties as well as a new substation to be located in Downey, Idaho has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and Agreement are also available on the Commission's Website at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on "File Room" and then the "Electric Cases."

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 specifically *Idaho Code* § 61-526. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Application will be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments regarding this case or protesting the use of Modified Procedure should do so no later than 60 days from the service date of this Notice.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 18^{+k} day of July 2008.

MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

JIM D. KEMPTON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Commission Secretary

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