

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF</b>	)	
<b>PACIFICORP DBA ROCKY MOUNTAIN</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. PAC-E-09-07</b>
<b>POWER FOR AN ORDER REVISING THE</b>	)	
<b>WIND INTEGRATION RATE FOR WIND-</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF PETITION</b>
<b>POWERED SMALL POWER GENERATION</b>	)	
<b>QUALIFYING FACILITIES</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF</b>
	)	<b>MODIFIED PROCEDURE</b>
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	)	<b>NOTICE OF</b>
	)	<b>COMMENT/PROTEST DEADLINE</b>

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 11, 2009, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power filed a Petition with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for an Order increasing the published avoided cost wind integration rate from \$5.10 to \$9.90 per MWh. Avoided cost rates are the purchase price paid to qualifying small power production facilities (QFs) for purchases of QF capacity and energy.<sup>1</sup> The proposed change will be applicable to purchases by Rocky Mountain Power of electric power from wind-powered QFs except in those circumstances where the QF developer agrees in the power purchase agreement to deliver QF output to Rocky Mountain Power on a firm hourly schedule.

**BACKGROUND**

The Commission in Order No. 29839, Case No. IPC-E-05-22, found that the supply characteristics of wind generation and related integration costs could provide a basis for adjustment of the published avoided cost rates, an adjustment that may be different for each utility. In subsequent Order No. 30497 in Case No. PAC-E-07-07, the Commission approved a Settlement Stipulation which by its terms required Rocky Mountain Power to file notice with the Commission of any changes to its wind integration costs as reflected in subsequent changes to its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Settlement Stipulation, Section III(a)(c)(d).

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<sup>1</sup> Reference Sections 201 and 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) and the implementing regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

## PETITION

Rocky Mountain Power submits as Exhibit A to its Petition, an excerpt from PacifiCorp's 2009 IRP Appendix F – "wind integration costs and capacity planning contributions" in which PacifiCorp provides a description of the methodology used and the results derived from PacifiCorp's analysis of the wind integration cost issue. The Company's 2009 IRP wind integration cost analysis identifies its wind integration cost to be \$9.96 per MWh. The Company filed its 2009 IRP with the Commission on May 29, 2009 in Case No. PAC-E-09-06. A Notice of the Company's IRP filing was issued on June 24, 2009; the deadline for filing written comments was July 31, 2009. Commission Staff was the only party to file comments. On September 15, 2009, the Commission issued an acceptance and acknowledgement of the Company's 2009 IRP filing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. PAC-E-09-07. The Commission has preliminarily found that the public interest in this matter may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that the issues raised by the Company's filing may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the **deadline for filing written comments or protests** with respect to Rocky Mountain Power's Application and the use of Modified Procedure in Case No. PAC-E-09-07 is **Friday, October 30, 2009**. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written protests or comments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the deadline, the Commission may consider the matter on its merits and may enter its Order without a formal hearing. If comments or protests are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and in its discretion may set the matter for hearing or may decide the matter and issue its Order based on the written positions before it. Reference IDAPA 31.01.01.204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. PAC-E-09-07 should be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below.

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
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All 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](http://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 PacifiCorp at the e-mail addresses listed above.

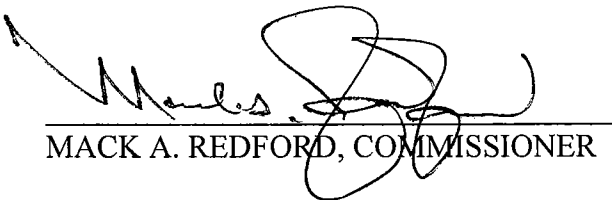
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission may consider this matter on its merits and issue its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them, and in its discretion may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition in Case No. PAC-E-09-07 may be viewed at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) by clicking on "File Room" and "Electric Cases," or can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and at the Idaho offices of PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power.


DATED at Boise, Idaho this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2009.

  
JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT

  
MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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