

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. PAC-E-10-03
OF PACIFICORP DBA ROCKY MOUNTAIN)
POWER FOR AN INCREASE TO THE) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CUSTOMER EFFICIENCY SERVICES)
RATE.) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 31076

On February 25, 2010, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power filed an Application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its Customer Efficiency Services Rate (Schedule No. 191). More specifically, the Company proposes to increase the collection for Schedule No. 191 from 3.72% to 5.85% of retail revenue, excluding large contract customers. The Company requests that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure.¹

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in March 2006, the Commission approved an enhanced set of demand-side management (DSM) programs and cost recovery through Schedule No. 191. Application at 3. The collection rate was initially set at 1.5% of retail revenue. Order No. 29976. In 2008, the Commission approved an increase from 1.5% to 3.72%. Order No. 30543. The Company now proposes to increase the collection for Schedule No. 191 from 3.72% to 5.85% of retail revenue. Application at 5. The Company’s Application states that, at 5.85%, Schedule No. 191 will provide approximately \$8.325 million per year, assuming 2008 energy usage levels. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company asserts that the adjustment is needed to facilitate the funding of ongoing DSM program expenditures and reduce the accrued balance of expenses (yet to be recovered) in the DSM balancing account from \$3.5 million (the April 2010 forecasted balance) to \$2.25 million by April 30, 2011. *Id.* The Company maintains that it will continue to review funding needs on an annual basis to determine whether an increase

¹ The Company initially requested a May 1, 2010, effective date, but has agreed to suspend the requested effective date and “will continue to work with staff to process this application as expeditiously as possible.” Letter from Ted Weston dated April 28, 2010.

to 5.85% is sufficient to fund ongoing program expenses and also recover the remaining balance in the DSM balancing account. *Id.* The Company states that administration of the balancing account, including carrying charges, prudence review, and separating these costs from the revenue requirement in general rate cases would continue pursuant to Order No. 29976.

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 Idaho Public Utilities 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 **no later than 28 days** from the date of this Order. 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 parties at the addresses reflected below:

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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 form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. E-mail comments should also be sent to the parties at the 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, supporting workpapers and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and other workpapers are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov under the "File Room" and then "Electric Cases."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-118, 61-119, 61-502, and 61-503. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

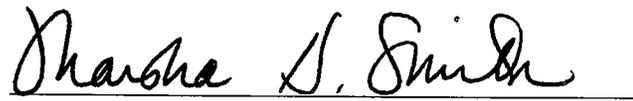
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000, *et seq.*

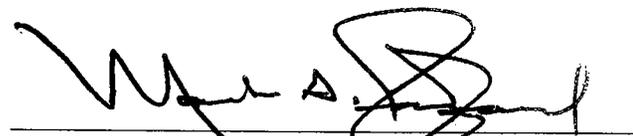
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons and the parties may file written comments no later than 28 days from the date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 17th
day of May 2010.


JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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