# **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)PACIFICORP DBA ROCKY MOUNTAIN)POWER FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS)TO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS)WITH POWER COUNTY WIND PARK)NORTH LLC AND POWER COUNTY WIND)PARK SOUTH LLC)

CASE NO. PAC-E-10-05

**ORDER NO. 32314** 

On June 22, 2011, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power applied to the Commission for an Order approving its First Revised and Restated Power Purchase Agreements (Revised PPAs) with Power County Wind Park North LLC and Power County Wind Park South LLC.

### BACKGROUND

On August 18, 2010, the Company entered Power Purchase Agreements with Power County Wind Park North and Power County Wind Park South. The Commission approved both Agreements on October 6, 2010. *See* Order No. 32084 (this case).

The Wind Parks subsequently decided to use different turbines than those described in the original PPAs. Rocky Mountain Power did not object. Consequently, on June 2, 2011, the parties entered Revised PPAs reflecting that the Wind Parks will use different turbines.

### **REVISED PPAs**

The Revised PPAs reflect, among other things, that each Wind Park will:

- Install nine Nordex N100, 2.5 MW turbines instead of the 12 Vestas V100 1.8 MW turbines described in the original PPAs (Revised PPAs § 4);
- Increase its expected capacity rating from 21,780 kw to 22,500 kw (*Id.*, § 1);
- Continue to maintain an average monthly output of under 10 aMWs (*Id.*, § 9); and
- Decrease its average annual net output, with Wind Park North changing from 67,311,441 kWh to 60,039,952 kWh, and Wind Park South changing from 60,523,733 to 57,129,471 kWh (*Id.*, § 3).

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Commission Staff stated that the proposed amendments are non-material from Staff's perspective. Accordingly, Staff recommended that the Commission approve the Revised PPAs.

### **COMMISSION FINDINGS**

The Commission has reviewed the record in this matter, including Rocky Mountain Power's June 22, 2011 Application, the two Revised PPAs, and Commission Staff's comments. The amendments (including those referenced above) are non-material from the Commission's perspective. Accordingly, the Commission finds it reasonable to enter its Order approving the Revised PPAs without further notice or procedure.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power, an electric utility, pursuant to the authority and power granted it under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA).

The Commission has authority under PURPA and the implementing regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to set avoided costs, to order electric utilities to enter into fixed-term obligations for the purchase of energy from qualified facilities (QFs) and to implement FERC rules.

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED and the Commission does hereby approve the June 2, 2011 Revised PPAs entered into between PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power and Power County Wind Park North LLC and Power County Wind Park South LLC.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $3^{\mathcal{A}}$  day of August 2011.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jean D. Jewell Commission Secretary

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