

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) OF PACIFICORP DBA ROCKY MOUNTAIN) POWER FOR AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS) SCHEDULE NOS. 7, 7A, AND 11 AND) ELECTRIC SERVICE REGULATION NO. 12.)	CASE NO. PAC-E-12-04 ORDER NO. 32519
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On January 18, 2012, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power filed Tariff Advice No. 12-01 proposing revisions to its Security Area Lighting (Schedule Nos. 7 and 7A) and Street Lighting (Schedule No. 11) tariffs and Line Extension Regulation (Regulation No. 12). Rocky Mountain Power requested that its proposed changes take effect on February 17, 2012. After reviewing the filing, Staff recommended that the Commission suspend Rocky Mountain Power's proposed February 17 effective date and process the tariff advice through the use of Modified Procedure because of the numerous revisions across several rate schedules, including a proposed change to a regulation.¹

On March 6, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Application/Notice of Modified Procedure, suspended the proposed effective date and established comment deadlines. Order No. 32474. Staff was the only person or party to file comments. By this Order, the Commission approves Rocky Mountain Power's proposed revisions to Schedule Nos. 7, 7A, and 11 and Electric Service Regulation No. 12.

THE APPLICATION

The Company proposes to remove low pressure sodium vapor lamps from Schedule No. 7 and 7A. Rocky Mountain Power also proposes to specify no new service for customer owned/customer maintained energy only service for Schedule No. 7.

The Company wishes to clarify obligations to repair inoperable lights and cost responsibility for premature replacement of operable lights for Schedule Nos. 7, 7A and 11. The Company proposes to add language regarding temporary disconnect cost obligations, pole painting and light shielding for Schedule Nos. 7, 7A and 11. The Company further proposes to remove metal halide lamps from Schedule No. 11.

¹ On February 16, 2012, Rocky Mountain Power notified the Commission by e-mail that it agreed to suspension of its proposed effective date.

The Company wishes to clarify its extension allowance in Electric Service Regulation No. 12, which affects customers taking service under Schedule Nos. 11 and 12. Rocky Mountain Power also proposes several general “housekeeping” type changes.

COMMENTS

The Company seeks to discontinue offering service for low-pressure sodium vapor (LPSV) lamps under Schedule Nos. 7 and 7A. LPSV lamps are used for security lighting, as are mercury vapor lamps and high-pressure sodium vapor lamps. Rocky Mountain Power has had no LPSV lamp customers in the past five years; therefore, Staff does not believe the Company’s request would have a revenue shifting impact to other Schedule 7 customers. Similarly, the Company has had no Schedule 11 customers with metal halide street lighting within the past five years. Given the lack of customer acceptance of LPSV lamps and metal halide street lights, Staff does not believe current or future customers are unduly harmed by not having these options available.

The Company also proposes to add provisions clarifying its obligations for repair, maintenance, pole repainting, and glare or vandalism shielding for Schedules 7, 7A, and 11. Most of the tariff language additions comport to the Company’s current practices, with one exception. Rocky Mountain Power proposes that Schedule 11 customers who request removal of lights be responsible for any associated costs. Staff believes this is a reasonable modification, and is similar to the practices of Idaho Power and Avista. The Company also represents that the requested revisions have been incorporated in corresponding rate schedules in Wyoming, and that the Company plans a similar filing in Utah.

Finally, Rocky Mountain Power proposes making customer advances toward non-residential street lighting extensions non-refundable (found in Electric Service Regulation No. 12 and applicable to Schedule Nos. 11 and 12). The Company calculates an extension allowance as five times the annual revenue from the lights to be added, and the customer advance would be applied toward costs that exceed this amount. Given the methodology used to calculate the allowance, Staff believes customer contributions would be minimal, if necessary at all. Staff also considers this an equitable alternative to having these costs recovered from other street lighting customers through base rates.

Staff considers the Company's proposed revisions reasonable and unlikely to materially affect current or future customers. Consequently, Staff recommended approving Rocky Mountain Power's proposed adjustments.

No other person or party filed comments.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Rocky Mountain Power is a public utility pursuant to *Idaho Code* §§ 61-119 and 61-129. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 61 of the Idaho Code and the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.* Based on our review of the Company's proposed changes and the comments of Commission Staff, we find that Rocky Mountain Power's proposed changes to its schedules and regulation are minor changes to existing schedules consistent with the requirements of Rule 134 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. The changes remove unnecessary provisions in the schedules that are no longer utilized by customers, allocate costs where appropriate, and memorialize practices that the Company currently follows. Consequently, we find that it is just and reasonable to allow Rocky Mountain Power to modify its Schedule Nos. 7, 7A, 11 and Regulation No. 12.

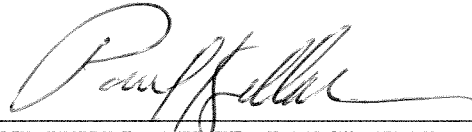
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Rocky Mountain Power's request to modify Schedule Nos. 7, 7A, 11 and Regulation No. 12 is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Rocky Mountain Power file conforming tariffs within fourteen (14) days. The new schedules and regulation will become effective the day following the filing of conformed tariffs with the Commission.

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.

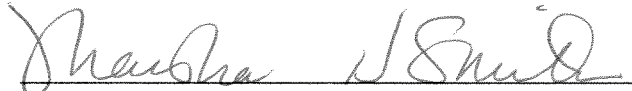
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 13th
day of April 2012.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

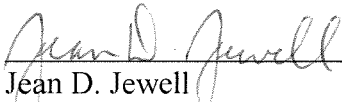


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