

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN)	
POWER'S APPLICATION TO CHANGE)	CASE NO. PAC-E-13-02
THE DEPRECIATION RATES APPLICABLE)	
TO ITS ELECTRIC PROPERTY)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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)	NOTICE OF
)	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 32772

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 22, 2013, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power ("RMP" or "Company") submitted an Application seeking a Commission Order, pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-525 and Rule 52 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Rules of Procedure, for approval of proposed changes to depreciation rates applicable to RMP's depreciable electric plant. The Company proposes January 1, 2014, as the effective date for the proposed changes.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's last depreciation application, Case No. PAC-E-07-14, was filed on August 31, 2007, with rates effective January 1, 2008.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company has performed an updated depreciation study ("Depreciation Study") and requests authorization to implement the depreciation rates set forth in the Exhibit No. 3 attached to its Application.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Depreciation Study identifies changes that have occurred since the Company's last depreciation study, measures the effect of the changes on the prudent recovery of presently surviving capital, and proposes revisions to the current depreciation rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the results of the Depreciation Study suggest an increase in annual depreciation expense of approximately \$83.9 million (\$160.8 million including the accelerated depreciation associated with early retirement of the Carbon plant) on a total Company basis, based on projected plant balances as of December 31, 2013.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that RMP states that its proposed changes would result in an estimated increase to the Idaho jurisdictional depreciation expense of approximately

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\$4.5 million (\$8.9 million including the early retirement of the Carbon plant) beginning January 1, 2014.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in order to maintain consistent depreciation rates across its six jurisdictions/service territories, the Company has filed for approval of its Depreciation Study in Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, and Washington.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, in support of its Application, the Company attached the direct testimony of Henry E. Lay, Corporate Controller of PacifiCorp, John J. Spanos, Senior Vice President of Gannett Fleming, Inc., and K. Ian Andrews, Manager of Resource Development for PacifiCorp.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that RMP requested that this matter be processed through Modified Procedure.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73. IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073. Persons intending to participate as parties in this case **must file a Petition to Intervene within 14 days of the service date of this Order.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as RMP's representatives in this matter:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the deadline for intervention has passed, the Commission Secretary shall prepare a Notice of Parties. Once the Notice of Parties is issued, Staff counsel will convene an informal prehearing conference or public workshop to discuss a possible settlement of the issues presented in this case.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing.

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The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
PO BOX 83720
BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074
Tel: (208) 334-0338
Fax: (208) 334-3762
E-Mail: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rule 276 provides that the Commission is not bound by any settlement which may be reached by the parties. IDAPA 31.01.01.276. If a settlement is reached, the Commission will “independently review any settlement proposed to it to determine whether the settlement is just, fair and reasonable, in the public interest or otherwise in accordance with law or regulatory policy.” *Id.* The Commission may accept, reject or modify any settlement. Moreover, the proponents of settlement carry the burden of showing that the settlement is reasonable and in the public interest. Rule 275. When a settlement calls for Commission action, the Commission will prescribe an appropriate procedure to examine the proposed settlement. Rule 274.

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

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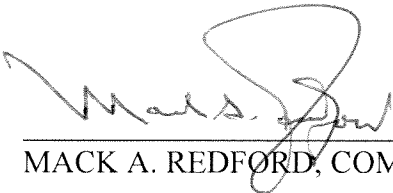
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter shall file a Petition to Intervene within 14 days of the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that once the deadline for Petitions to Intervene has passed, the Commission Secretary shall prepare and issue a Notice of Parties. Staff counsel shall convene an informal prehearing conference or public workshop so that interested parties may discuss a possible settlement of the issues presented in this case.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 28th
day of March 2013.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

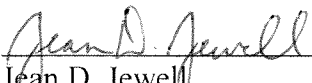


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER



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ATTEST:



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