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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
APPLICATION OF PACIFICORP DBA)
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO)
INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH)
INTERESTED PARTIES ON)
ALTERNATIVE RATE PLAN PROPOSALS)

CASE NO. PAC-E-13-04
PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
THE SNAKE RIVER ALLIANCE

COMES NOW, Snake River Alliance and, pursuant to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure Rule 72 and 73 IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073, petitions the Commission to grant its request for intervention in the above-referenced case, PAC-E-13-04. The name and address of this intervenor is:

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The Snake River Alliance is represented in this proceeding by Ken Miller. Correspondence in this docket can be sent to the above address or via e-mail to: kmiller@snakeriveralliance.org

The Snake River Alliance is an Idaho-based non-profit organization, established in 1979 to address Idahoans' concerns about nuclear waste and safety issues. In early 2007, the Alliance expanded the scope of its mission by becoming Idaho's first nonprofit clean energy advocacy organization. The Alliance's Clean Energy initiative includes advocacy for renewable energy resources in Idaho; expanded conservation and demand-side management programs offered by Idaho's regulated electric utilities and the Bonneville Power Administration; and development of local, state, regional, and national initiatives to advance sustainable energy policies, including electric utility rate structures and designs that promote energy conservation. The Alliance pursues these programs on behalf of its members, many of whom are customers of Rocky Mountain Power.

The Alliance has participated before and commented to the Commission in multiple electric regulatory proceedings on behalf of our members and as a public interest organization representing clean and affordable energy interests in Idaho. The Alliance intends to participate in

this case on behalf of our members and of Idahoans seeking to advance rate designs and policies that encourage greater energy savings at affordable rates.

It is difficult to ascertain at this early stage which “alternatives to the Company filing a general rate case” may be subject to settlement discussions. It is also difficult to speculate how those discussions may resolve certain issues or narrow the scope of a possible rate case. What is known is that the discussions, if they take place, may affect the policy issues on which the Alliance works on behalf of its members.

The Alliance and its constituents are keenly interested in the outcome of this case, as well as the discussions and exchanges of views by all parties as the case progresses. If the discussions lead to an eventual settlement and avoidance of a general rate case, and for reasons stated above, the Alliance believes it is entitled to be included as a party to this case as it progresses.

As a lead public interest entity working toward sustainable energy policies in Idaho, we anticipate participating in this case on our behalf of our constituents. We believe our participation in this case will assist the Commission and the other intervening Parties in working toward a successful outcome inasmuch as the Alliance can help bring to this case the voice of clean energy advocates and also that of Rocky Mountain Power’s residential customer class.

WHEREFORE, the Alliance therefore respectfully requests the Commission grant its request to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor on behalf of its Idaho constituents.

Respectfully submitted,



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