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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR) CASE NO. PAC-E-13-6
AUTHORITY TO SELL THE ST. ANTHONY)
HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION PLANT)
LOCATED IN FREMONT COUNTY, IDAHO.) COMMENTS OF THE
) COMMISSION STAFF
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The Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of Record, Donald L. Howell II, Deputy Attorney General, submits the following comments in the above referenced case.

BACKGROUND

On April 9, 2013, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power filed an Application pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-328 for authority to sell a hydroelectric facility located within the city limits of St. Anthony, Idaho.¹ This facility shares a FERC license with the nearby Ashton facility. The hydro facility consists of a 1-unit powerhouse that contains submerged double horizontal K-style turbines that were commissioned in 1915. Application at ¶ 4. The facility is powered by diverting

¹ When Rocky Mountain initially filed its Application, the entire sales agreement was marked confidential. After discussions with Commission Staff, the utility re-filed the sales agreement and several exhibits on May 17, 2013, but redacted certain information it claimed was trade secret pursuant to Rule 67 and *Idaho Code* § 9-340D.