BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NOS. PAC-E-15-10
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO)
UPDATE ELECTRIC SERVICE) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
REGULATION NO. 13 – CURTAILMENT)
PLAN FOR ELECTRIC ENERGY) NOTICE OF
) INTERVENTION DEADLINE
)
) ORDER NO. 33345
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On June 25, 2015, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power ("Rocky Mountain" or "Company") filed an Application seeking authority to update and revise its 1993 Curtailment Plan. The Curtailment Plan sets out the actions that the Company will employ during periods when it experiences energy shortages. Application at 2. According to the Company, the existing 1993 Plan addresses only contingencies for long-term energy shortages, but does not address short-term supply emergencies. Over the last 22 years, changes in technology, industry practices, and increases in generation capacity have made the 1993 Curtailment Plan obsolete.

Rocky Mountain proposes to update the plan to include new provisions for load reduction with demand-side management and emergency load shed groups, removal of financial penalties, and clarification regarding what entity can initiate load curtailment. A. Shingleton Direct at 2. The proposed plan covers a broader range of events that could lead to a load curtailment situation, incorporates new curtailment sources, and addresses long and short-term supply emergencies. *Id.* at 2-5

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain is a public utility engaged in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity. Rocky Mountain's service area includes parts of southeastern Idaho. In 1993, by Order of the Commission, Rocky Mountain adopted provisions relating to electric service curtailment during periods of prolonged energy shortages. These provisions formed the Curtailment Plan that Rocky Mountain filed with the Commission in 1993, which was the last time the Company filed such a plan with the Commission.

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¹ Case No. GNR-E-93-2, Order No. 25259.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain claims the existing plan (the "1993 Plan") is deficient in addressing contingencies for short-term emergencies, and obsolete due to changes in technology, new industry practices, and advanced generation capacity developed over the past 22 years. The Company proposes to modify the 1993 Plan to: "(a) include new provisions for load reduction with demand-side management and emergency load shed groups; (b) remove financial penalties [from the 1993 plan]; and (c) clarify the types of entities that can initiate load curtailment." Application at 2. The proposal also increases the range of activates that can precipitate load curtailment activities. *Id*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain claims that the proposed plan combines elements of the Company Emergency Management Plan filed in 2001 and uses the 1993 Plan as a starting point. The Company claims that the updated plan will focus on "practical and actionable operational activities the Company can initiate during emergencies to minimize adverse impacts to consumers and restore system stability." *Id*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain also proposed elimination of portions of the 1993 Plan that relate to financial penalties and how curtailment is audited and tracked. *Id.* at 3. The Company argues that the 1993 Plan's inclusion of financial penalties is inappropriate in light of Commission Order No. 25259, which "states [the Commission's] preference that utilities not incorporate monetary penalties within their respective plans." *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed plan incorporates new curtailment sources, "including DSM capabilities and interruptible customer load shed programs." Further, the proposed plan includes the ability for the Company to utilize block rotation in scheduled two-hour periods during emergency periods.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain has requested that this Application be processed under Modified Procedure.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to "Open Electric Cases," then click on the case number shown on the front of this document.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE ORDER NO. 33345 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501, 61-502, 61-507, 61-520, 61-523, and 61-622. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **persons desiring to intervene** in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing **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 at the hearing must file a Petition to Intervene **no later than fourteen (14) days from the service date of this Order**. Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the Notice of Parties is issued, Commission Staff will convene an informal prehearing conference to discuss a schedule of this case and other issues as may be raised by the parties.

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

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any data requests directed to Rocky Mountain regarding this matter be addressed to the following:

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By mail: Data Request Response Center

PacifiCorp

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Portland, OR 97232

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE ORDER NO. 33345 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq*.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examination at hearing shall file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than fourteen (14) days from the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that discovery is available in this case pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.221-234.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 22^{nd} day of July 2015.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jean D. Jewell/ Commission Secretary

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