

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S APPLICATION TO UPDATE AND
REVISE ITS CURTAILMENT PLAN, CASE NO. PAC-E-15-10**

On November 24, 1993, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ordered that suppliers of electric service operating in the State of Idaho adopt certain provisions relating to electric service curtailment. *See* Case No. GNR-E-93-2, Order No. 25259. The curtailment provisions were based on a regional curtailment plan designed to deal with long-term energy shortages and to promote curtailment uniformity among the four Pacific Northwest states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. *See* Application at 2. Pursuant to the Commission Order, Rocky Mountain adopted curtailment provisions in 1993. *Id.*

On June 25, 2015, Rocky Mountain Power filed an Application seeking authority to update and revise its 1993 Curtailment Plan. According to the Company, the 1993 Curtailment Plan addresses only contingencies for long-term energy shortages, but does not address short-term supply emergencies. *Id.*

Rocky Mountain proposes to update the plan to include new provisions for load reduction with demand-side management (DSM) and emergency load shed groups, removal of financial penalties, and clarification regarding what entity can initiate load curtailment. 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.

On July 22, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and set an intervention deadline of August 5, 2015. No one applied for intervention, and it is now

