

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF PACIFICORP DBA )</b>	<b>CASE NO. PAC-E-15-16</b>
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S )</b>	
<b>APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE )</b>	<b>NOTICE OF APPLICATION</b>
<b>2017 INTER-JURISDICTIONAL COST )</b>	
<b>ALLOCATION PROTOCOL. )</b>	<b>NOTICE OF</b>
<b>)</b>	<b>INTERVENTION DEADLINE</b>
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<b>)</b>	<b>ORDER NO. 33458</b>

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On December 31, 2016, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power filed an Application requesting Commission approval of the Company's 2017 Inter-Jurisdictional Cost Allocation Protocol ("2017 Protocol"). The Company asks the Commission to issue an Order by July 1, 2016.

With this Order, the Commission provides notice of the Application and sets a deadline for interested persons to formally intervene in the case.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that with this Application, the Company proposes to implement a 2017 Protocol that, if approved, would replace the 2010 Protocol that was previously approved by the Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming Commissions. *See* Order No. 32346, Case No. PAC-E-10-09. The 2010 Protocol was designed to: (1) equitably allocate PacifiCorp's costs among its jurisdictions it serves (Idaho, Oregon, and Utah through its Rocky Mountain Power division; California, Oregon, and Washington through its Pacific Power division); (2) ensure PacifiCorp plans and operates its generation and transmission system on a six-state integrated basis to achieve a least cost-least risk resource portfolio for customers; (3) allow each state to independently establish its ratemaking policies; and (4) provide PacifiCorp with the opportunity to recover its prudently incurred costs. The 2010 Protocol will expire at the end of 2016.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states the proposed 2017 Protocol was negotiated and agreed to by representatives of PacifiCorp, the staffs of the Idaho,

Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming Commissions, and other interested stakeholders.<sup>1</sup> The Company explains that these parties developed the 2017 Protocol to provide PacifiCorp, state commissions, and other interested stakeholders with an allocation methodology to be used on a shorter term basis—for rate proceedings filed from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, with a potential one-year extension after that—while they attempt to understand how the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Power Plan rules will impact PacifiCorp and the states it serves.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company explains that while the 2017 Protocol is in effect, a 2017 Protocol adjustment will be added to each state’s annual revenue requirement. The agreed upon 2017 Protocol adjustment for Idaho is \$0.986 million (a \$0.150 million incremental increase). The Company plans to file a general rate case to recover the 2017 Protocol adjustment through base rates effective *no earlier than* January 1, 2018. If the case results in the effective date of new base rates being after January 1, 2018, then the Company will defer \$12,500 per month as a regulatory asset from January 1, 2018, until the effective date, at which time the deferred costs and ongoing impact of Idaho’s 2017 Protocol adjustment shall be included in base rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that while the 2017 Protocol is in effect, the Company will continue to analyze alternative allocation methods and will present the results of its analyses to the standing group of interested stakeholders that collaborated in developing the 2017 Protocol, and will discuss them at commissioner forums.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and any 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](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the “File Room” tab at the top of the page, scroll down to “Electric Cases” and then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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<sup>1</sup> Washington and California did not sign the 2017 Protocol. The Company explains that Washington participated in early discussions, but did not sign the 2017 Protocol because the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has adopted a different allocation methodology for general rate case proceedings. California did not participate in discussions about the 2017 Protocol, but California nevertheless implements the multi-jurisdictional allocation methodology in general rate case proceedings.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over the Company and the issues in this case pursuant to the Commission's authority under Title 61 of the Idaho Code.

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.*

#### **NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons who wish to intervene in this matter to obtain the rights of party (e.g., to file formal discovery, or present evidence or cross-examine witnesses at a hearing) must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and .073. **Persons who wish to intervene as a party must file a Petition to Intervene no later than 14 days from the service date of this Order.** Such persons shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their electronic mail address to facilitate further communications in this matter. After the intervention deadline runs, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties that identifies the parties and assigns exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding. Once the Notice of Parties has issued, Commission Staff shall informally confer with the Company and any intervening parties about how to further process this case, and shall then report back to the Commission on a proposed case schedule.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons who would like to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene but may present their views by submitting written comments to the Commission. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the following addresses:

Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street Address for Express Mail:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Scroll to the "Consumers" tab, click the "Utility Case Comment or Question Form," and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Company at the e-mail addresses listed above.

### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene as a party in this case (to present, for example, evidence or cross-examine witnesses) shall file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than 14 days from the service date of this Order. Staff, the Company, and other persons shall take further action as noted above.

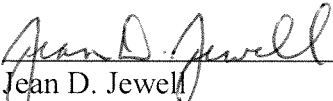
DONE by order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of January 2016.

  
PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

  
ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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