BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF PACIFICORP DBA)	
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S)	CASE NO. PAC-E-16-01
APPLICATION TO APPROVE ELECTRIC)	
SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. 38,)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
QUALIFYING FACILITY AVOIDED COST)	
PROCEDURES)	NOTICE OF
)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
	_)	ORDER NO. 33454

In Order No. 33357, the Commission directed PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power Company (Company or Rocky Mountain) to file a tariff schedule outlining the Company's negotiating process under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). On January 13, 2016, pursuant to that directive, Rocky Mountain filed an Application for an Order authorizing it to implement Electric Service Schedule No. 38 – Qualified Facility Avoided Cost Procedures. If approved, Schedule No. 38 will govern the Company's negotiating practices and queue management related to power purchase agreements (PPAs) executed under PURPA. The Company asked that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

BACKGROUND

In February 2015, Rocky Mountain petitioned the Commission for approval to modify terms and conditions related to PURPA PPAs, and – as relevant here – to modify the Company's "indicative" or "incremental" pricing practice in its Integrated Resource Plan Avoided Cost methodology. Application at 2; Order No. 33357 at 26. As to the indicative pricing practice, the Commission found it reasonable and appropriate for Rocky Mountain to create "a queue to track the order in which QF projects have entered negotiations with a utility, so that incremental pricing can be calculated to reflect the actual impacts of each project." Order No. 3357 at 28. Accordingly, the Commission directed Rocky Mountain "to file a tariff schedule ... which outlines its PURPA negotiating process." *Id.* The Commission further provided, "The schedule should include specific criteria for management of the queue to eliminate uncertainty and to facilitate negotiations between Rocky Mountain and [qualifying facilities (QFs) under PURPA]." *Id.*

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 33454

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain has applied for approval of its proposed Electric Service Schedule No. 38, and requests an effective date by April 1, 2016. Application at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain states the purpose of proposed Schedule No. 38 is "to efficiently provide the steps and schedule for both the Company and developers that will govern the determination of indicative avoided cost pricing for a proposed QF project." Application at 2. "Schedule 38 lists the information required by the Company to prepare indicative prices for a proposed QF project, includes a timeline and actions to be followed by [PURPA] developers to receive a PPA as well as the consequences for failure to comply with the tariff." *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, in support of its Application to approve Schedule No. 38, the Company attached testimony by Kyle T. Moore, Originator/Power Marketer for Rocky Mountain, further explaining the purpose and development of Schedule 38.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within 21 days from the service date of this Order. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and Rocky Mountain at the addresses reflected below:

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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. Click the "Case Comment or Question Form" under the "Consumers" tab, 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 Rocky Mountain at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, no later than 28 days after the service date of this Order.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, the attached Direct Testimony of Kyle T. Moore, and Exhibit No. 1 (Proposed Schedule No. 38) have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The documents are also available on the Commission's website 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under PURPA, Title 61 of the Idaho Code, and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-503, 61-507 and 61-622(2). The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 33454 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 the Application shall be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Reply comments by Rocky Mountain Power, if any, shall be due 28 days after the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this ZZnd day of January 2016.

PAUL KJELLANDER PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Diane Holt

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