

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF PACIFICORP DBA ) CASE NO. PAC-E-16-07**  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S )**  
**APPLICATION TO MODIFY ELECTRIC ) NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**SERVICE SCHEDULE 135 – NET )**  
**METERING SERVICE ) NOTICE OF**  
**) MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
**)**  
**) ORDER NO. 33484**

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On February 29, 2016, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power (the Company) applied to the Commission for authority to modify Electric Service Schedule 135 – Net Metering Service—by raising the current participation cap from 714 kilowatts (kW) to 2,000 kW. The Company asks the Commission to process its Application by Modified Procedure, and that the proposed changes take effect on May 1, 2016.

With this Order, the Commission provides notice of the Application, and invites interested persons to submit written comments on the Company's proposal.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company is a public utility that provides retail electric service to about 73,000 customers in Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company currently offers customers a net metering service. The Company's Application explains that net metering enables customers who install distributed generation facilities to offset all or part of their energy requirements and feed excess energy back into the grid. If the customer's generation is not operating or the customer is consuming more energy than the customer is generating, then energy is delivered to the customer from the Company's facilities. In each billing period, the Company nets the customer's excess generation against the customer's kilowatt-hour usage taken from the Company. If the energy generated by the customer and delivered to the Company exceeds the energy supplied to the customer during the billing period, the customer is billed for the appropriate power and other non-energy charges and compensated for any net energy through a financial credit, based on the applicable standard service tariff.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company began offering the net metering service in 2003 pursuant to Commission Order No. 29260, which capped participation in the net metering service at 714 kW. The Order also indicated that the cap should be reviewed again when the 714 kW limit is reached. With this Application, the Company reports that, as of December 31, 2015, participation in the net metering service has exceeded the 714 kW cap, with 161 customers on the net metering service having 1,049 kW of interconnected load.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that with this Application, the Company proposes to raise the cap to 2,000 kW. The Company explains it does not wish to remove the cap entirely because a cap is a useful check point for the Company to report to the Commission on the extent to which the Company and non-participating customers may be subsidizing net metering customers. The Company states the subsidy currently is a minor part of total Idaho retail revenues. But the Company believes the subsidy will need to be addressed in the future. The Company thus proposes to maintain a 2,000 kW cap as a future check point for its continuing report to the Commission.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and its exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. These documents 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 click on the case number as 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 Title 61 of the Idaho Code. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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 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 that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure. *See* 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 the Company's Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission **within 21 days of 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 the Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

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

Ted Weston  
Rocky Mountain Power  
1407 W. North Temple, Suite 330  
Salt Lake City, UT 84116  
E-mail: [ted.weston@pacificorp.com](mailto:ted.weston@pacificorp.com)

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street  
Boise, ID 83702-5918

Yvonne R. Hogle  
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Assistant General Counsel  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84116  
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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 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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company shall file reply comments, if necessary, **within seven days after the initial comment deadline has run**.

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.

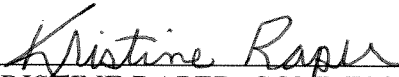
**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons may file written comments within 21 days of the service date of this Order. The Company may file a reply, if necessary, within seven days after the initial comment deadline has run.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016.



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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

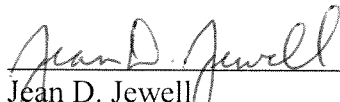


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KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



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ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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Commission Secretary

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