

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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RE: REQUEST OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO UPDATE THE WIND
INTEGRATION CHARGE APPLIED TO ITS PURPA PUBLISHED
AVOIDED COST RATES

On January 20, 2016, Rocky Mountain Power (Rocky Mountain; Company) submitted a request to update the wind integration charge which is applied as a discount to the Company's PURPA published avoided cost rates. The request was styled as a compliance filing under Case No. PAC-E-07-07. For reasons set forth below, Staff recommends that the Commission assign a new case number and issue an order granting the Company's request without further process.

BACKGROUND

A stipulation approved in Order No. 30497 instituted a wind integration adjustment to published avoided cost rates for wind qualifying facilities (QFs). In the stipulation, the parties agreed that "Rocky Mountain Power shall hereafter file notice with the Commission of any changes to its wind integration charge as reflected in subsequent changes to its [Integrated Resource Plan] IRP." Pursuant to the Order, wind integration costs were last updated in Case No. PAC-E-09-07.

On March 31, 2015, PacifiCorp filed its 2015 IRP with the Commission, and on October 9, 2015, the Commission acknowledged the Company's IRP. Order No. 33396. The 2015 IRP contains the 2014 Wind Integration Study. Appendix H to the 2015 IRP. The Company proposes that the wind integration adjustment to published avoided cost rates for wind QFs be