BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF PACIFICORP DBA) CASE I	NO. PAC-E-16-11
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S)	
APPLICATION TO APPROVE AN) NOTIC	CE OF APPLICATION
ADDENDUM TO ITS POWER PURCHASE)	
AGREEMENT WITH LOWER VALLEY) NOTIC	CE OF
ENERGY, INC.) MODIF	FIED PROCEDURE
) ORDEI	R NO. 33556

On July 7, 2016, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power (the Company) filed an Application asking the Commission to approve an Addendum to its Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Lower Valley Energy, Inc. The Addendum extends the PPA, set to expire on September 30, 2016, for another year. The Company requested that the Commission process the Application under Modified Procedure.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission approved the Company's current PPA with Lower Valley in August 2014. Application at 2; Order No. 33107. Under the PPA, Lower Valley sells, and the Company purchases, electric power generated from Lower Valley's three facilities – the Upper Facility, the Lower Facility, and the Culinary Facility – which are run-of-river hydroelectric generating facilities in or near Afton, Lincoln County, Wyoming. PPA (Attachment 2 to Application). The facilities – each a separate qualifying facility under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) – are deemed a single generating facility for purposes of the PPA. *Id*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, under the Addendum, the parties agree to extend the term of the PPA for one additional year, using applicable rates. Addendum (Attachment 1 to Application). The applicable rates are the non-levelized avoided cost rates for non-seasonal hydro projects less than 10 average megawatts, approved by the Commission in December 2015 in Order No. 33435 (Case No. PAC-E-15-12). For energy deliveries in 2016, the rate is \$34.06 per megawatt-hour (MWh). Application at 3. For energy deliveries in 2017, until the PPA expires on September 30, the rate is \$34.42 per MWh. *Id*.

¹ See PacifiCorp's Errata.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and its attachments have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and attachments are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov under "File Room" and then "Open Electric Cases" and listed under the case number as it appears on the first page of this Notice.

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 31.01.01.201-204. 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 in 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 may be mailed to the Commission and PacifiCorp 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 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.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 33556 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, no later than 28 days from 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 all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code, and specifically *Idaho Code* § 61-503. The Commission has authority under PURPA and the implementing regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to set avoided costs, to order electric utilities to enter into fixed-term obligations for the purchase of energy from qualified facilities and to implement FERC rules. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61 and PURPA.

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 this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons and the parties may file written comments no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order. The Company may file a reply no later than 28 days from the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 19^{+h} day of July 2016.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

Jean D. Jewell Commission Secretary

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