

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. PAC-E-17-07</b>
<b>OF PACIFICORP DBA ROCKY MOUNTAIN</b>	)	
<b>POWER FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF APPLICATION</b>
<b>CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND</b>	)	
<b>BINDING RATEMAKING TREATMENT</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF</b>
<b>FOR NEW WIND AND TRANSMISSION</b>	)	<b>INTERVENTION DEADLINE</b>
<b>FACILITIES</b>	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 33823</b>

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On July 3, 2017, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct or acquire four new wind projects with a total combined capacity of 860 megawatts (MW). The Company also requests CPCNs for several transmission facilities, portions of which are associated with the Company's Gateway West transmission project. The Company finally requests approval of binding ratemaking treatment for the investment in the combined projects, in accordance with *Idaho Code* § 61-541. The Company asserts that the projects will provide significant economic benefits for the Company's customers, and that the projects are time-limited due largely to federal production tax credits.

Because of the time-sensitive nature of the federal tax credits associated with the projects, the Company must complete construction of all facilities by December 31, 2020. As such, the Company requests that the Commission issue the requested CPCNs by March 30, 2018.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company requests CPCNs for four wind projects, three nominal 250 MW facilities, and one 110 MW facility, all located in Wyoming. The Company states that it currently either has control over the site, or has secured access to the development and implementation rights.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that customer benefits resulting from the wind projects depend entirely on qualifying for 100% federal production tax credits (PTCs), which can be attained by making the projects commercially operational by December 31, 2020.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company also requests approval of six transmission projects. The Company states the projects are necessary to relieve existing

congestion, and interconnect existing Wyoming wind resources, and the proposed wind projects, into the Company's transmission system. The Company claims that the transmission projects will increase the transfer capability from east to west by 750 MW, and will provide critical voltage support to the transmission system.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company says that it has obtained a federal right-of-way permit from the Bureau of Land Management for a line that crosses BLM lands, and that after CPCNs have been issued by this Commission and in Wyoming, it will obtain the additional rights-of-way as necessary.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests binding ratemaking treatment—a Resource Tracking Mechanism (RTM), that would track benefits and costs as a component of the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ECAM), until the combined projects are fully included in base rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and 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 "Open Electric Cases," and then 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 and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-526, and 61-524. 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 INTERVENTION DEADLINE**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **persons desiring to intervene** in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing **must file a Petition to Intervene** with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073. Persons intending to participate at the hearing must file a Petition to Intervene **no later than August 8, 2017**. Persons desiring to present their views

without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the Notice of Parties is issued, the Commission's Staff will convene an informal prehearing conference at the Commission's offices for the parties to discuss a schedule to process this case and other issues as may be raised by the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as Rocky Mountain's representatives in this matter:

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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 persons desiring to intervene in this matter shall file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than August 8, 2017. After that, Staff shall convene an informal conference with the parties to discuss appropriate scheduling of this case going forward.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of July 2017.

  
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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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Diane M. Hainan  
Commission Secretary

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