BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF PACIFICORP DBA ROCKY MOUNTAIN) CASE NO. PAC-E-17-10
POWER TO INCREASE THE BPA REP)
CREDIT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2017) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2019)
) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 33861

On August 18, 2017, PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power applied to the Commission for authorization to increase the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) residential and small farm energy credit rate. Application at 1. The Company indicates that this rate represents an increase in the annual credit of \$648,000 to qualifying customers (that is, those customers will receive an additional decrease in their rates). *Id.* at 3-4. The Company requests that the new rate be effective October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019, and requests that the Application be processed under Modified Procedure. *Id.* at 5.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting a comment deadline.

BACKGROUND

The Company explains that the residential and small farm energy credit rate results from an agreement between the Company and BPA regarding the Residential Exchange Program (REP). *Id.* The REP provides a share of the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system to the residential and small farm customers of the investor-owned utilities of the Pacific Northwest, including Rocky Mountain Power. *Id.* at 2. The Application summarizes the REP and a description of the customers eligible to receive benefits. *Id.* at 2-3.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company's current residential and small farm credit rate is \$0.007762 per kWh. *Id.* at 3. The proposed credit rate is \$0.008403 per kWh. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed credit rate includes annual REP benefits from BPA of \$6.7 million plus an additional undistributed balance in the Company's

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 33861 Idaho residential exchange balancing account of \$1.8 million annually. *Id.* Thus, the annual total credit to customers is \$8.5 million, an increase of \$648,000 over the current credit. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company calculated the proposed credit rate of \$0.008403 by dividing \$8.5 million by the calendar year 2016 historical usage level of qualifying customers of 1.01 GWh. *Id.* at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application includes attachments which provide supporting documentation, including a summary of the impact on retail revenues (Attachment 1), a summary of the calculation of the proposed credit rate (Attachment 2), a summary of the allocation of PacifiCorp's BPA REP benefits between the states in which PacifiCorp operates (Attachment 3), and clean and legislative copies of the tariff schedule for the credit rate, Schedule 34 (Attachment 4). *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documentation 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. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, then select "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 and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502 and 61-503. 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 Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.201 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 no later

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than **September 20, 2017**. 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 the Company 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 the Company at the e-mail addresses listed above.

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.

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Rocky Mountain Power be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so no later September 20, 2017.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 29th day of August 2017.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

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KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

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