

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN) CASE NO. PAC-E-18-07
POWER'S APPLICATION FOR A)
DETERMINATION OF 2016 AND 2017) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT)
EXPENSES AS PRUDENTLY INCURRED) NOTICE OF
) INTERVENTION DEADLINE
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) ORDER NO. 34129
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On August 10, 2018, Rocky Mountain Power applied for an Order establishing that it prudently incurred demand-side management (DSM) expenditures in 2016 and 2017 of \$8,539,263. Application at 1. “DSM” generally refers to utility activities and programs that encourage customers (i.e., on the “demand-side” as opposed to the “generation side”) to use less overall energy or use less energy during peak usage hours. The Commission will allow the utility an opportunity to recover its DSM expenses through rates if the Commission finds the Company prudently incurred them. However, if the Commission finds the Company did not prudently incur DSM expenses, then it will not allow the Company to recover them through rates and the disallowed expenses will be borne by the utility’s shareholders and not by customers.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Rocky Mountain states that its DSM programs include: Low Income Energy Conservation Education (Schedule 21); Home Energy Saver (Schedule 118); Home Energy Reports (no tariff); and Non-Residential Energy Efficiency/*wattsmart* Business (Schedule 140).¹ *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company asks the Commission to find that the Company prudently incurred \$8,539,263 in DSM expenses from the DSM rider account.

¹ Energy FinAnswer; FinAnswer Express; and Agricultural Energy Services have been consolidated into a single “*wattsmart* Business program.” *See* Order No. 33178. Also, in 2011, the Company’s Irrigation Load Control program was cancelled and treated as a system-wide benefit. As such, the performance results of this program are not included in annual DSM reports, but are instead submitted as a confidential document to the Commission. *See* Order No. 32760.

Application at 1. This request included \$4,500,332 for expenditures made in 2016, and \$4,038,931 in 2017. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's Application describes the Company's evaluation of its DSM programs and whether they were cost-effective in 2016 and 2017. *Id.* at 5. The DSM Report discusses the cost-effectiveness of the Company's DSM programs and energy savings measures. *Id.* In support of its Application, the Company submitted an annual DSM report for each year, the results of its cost-effectiveness analysis, and the third-party program evaluation reports. The Company requests that its Application be processed under Modified Procedure.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company explains it used the following benefit/cost tests to determine the cost-effectiveness of its energy efficiency programs and measures: (1) the PacifiCorp total resource cost test (PTRC); (2) the utility cost test (UCT); and (3) the participant cost test (PCT). *Id.* The Company reports that in 2016 and 2017 its overall energy efficiency portfolio was cost-effective, passing the UCT and PCT, with ratios of greater than 1.0 *Id.* The cost-effectiveness of the Appliance Recycling Program was not calculated for 2016, because it was cancelled on March 1, 2016. *Id.* The Low Income Weatherization program was not cost-effective from the UCT in either year, but was cost-effective from the PTRC in both years. All other programs passed with a benefit/cost ratio greater than 1.0.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that it uses best-practice approaches and techniques including those outlined in the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency Program Impact Evaluation and the California Evaluation Framework guides.

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. 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. 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 to obtain parties' rights of participation 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 who wish to intervene as a party must file a Petition to Intervene no later than 21 days after the date of service of this Order. Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties, as described below.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that after the intervention deadline runs, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties. Staff then will informally confer with the parties about appropriate scheduling for this case.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of obtaining parties' rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission, pursuant to Rules 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.72-73, no later than 21 days after the service date of this Order.

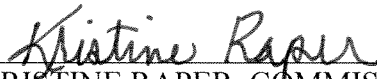
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after the Secretary issues a Notice of Parties, Staff will convene an informal conference for parties to discuss the appropriate scheduling of this case.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24th
day of August 2018.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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Commission Secretary

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