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Rocky Mountain Power seeks approval for sales agreement with 481-kilowatt Preston area hydroelectric facility

BOISE (October 6, 2015) – PacifiCorp, which operates as Rocky Mountain Power in eastern Idaho, is asking state regulators to approve a sales agreement between it and a Preston area hydroelectric facility.

The 481-kilowatt hydro project, owned by Consolidated Irrigation Company, is a qualifying facility under the provisions of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. PURPA requires utilities to buy output from qualifying renewable projects at an “avoided-cost rate,” or the rate the utility avoids by not having to generate the power itself or buy it from another source.

The contract, if approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, is for 20 years. The commission’s published avoided-cost rate for non-intermittent projects smaller than 1 megawatt with contracts signed in 2015 is \$59.88 per megawatt-hour. The proposed contract is for a non-levelized rate, which means the price paid the project increases gradually through the 20-year life of the contract to \$103.05 per MWh in 2034.

Comments are accepted via e-mail through October 20 by accessing the commission’s Website at www.puc.idaho.gov and clicking on “Case Comment Form,” under the “Consumers” heading. Fill in the case number (PAC-E-15-11) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

A copy of the commission’s order and other documents related to this case is available on the commission’s website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on “Open Cases” under the “Electric” heading and scroll down to the case number above.

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