



*Case No. PAC-E-16-14, Order No. 33679*

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## Rocky Mountain seeks prudence finding for investment in efficiency programs

**BOISE (February 22, 2017)** – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is taking comments through March 15 on a Rocky Mountain Power request that the commission determine about \$7.46 million of company investment in energy efficiency programs during 2014-15 was prudently incurred and benefitted customers. This application does not impact rates.

Energy efficiency programs encourage customers to use less energy or shift consumption to off-peak hours. The programs are funded by a rider that appears as “Customer Efficiency Services” on Rocky Mountain Power bills. The rider is currently set at 2.7% of a customer’s monthly billed amount. Part of the commission’s prudence review is to determine if the programs benefit all customers, not just those who directly participate in the programs.

Rocky Mountain Power claims the programs saved the utility 11,410 megawatt hours in 2014 and 15,692 MWh in 2015. That decreased consumption reduces power supply expense for all customers and eliminates or delays the need for the company to build new generating facilities.

Rocky Mountain Power offers five energy efficiency programs.

- “Home Energy Saver” provides products and services to residential customers such as insulation, duct sealing, CFL and LED lighting and other services.
- “Refrigerator Recycling” offers customers rebates for removal and recycling of inefficient refrigerators and freezers.
- “Low Income Weatherization” provides energy efficiency services to residential customers meeting income guidelines.
- “Low Income Conservation Education” targets customers receiving low-income energy assistance and provides them information about how to better conserve energy and understand their bill.

- “Non-Residential Energy Efficiency” is a consolidation of commercial and industrial energy efficiency programs into a single portfolio the company calls “*wattsmart*.” It helps commercial and industrial customers improve efficiency in lighting, HVAC systems, motors, building envelopes and other equipment.

Rocky Mountain reports that, overall, the programs were cost-effective, meaning their benefits outweighed their cost. However, the low-income weatherization program, failed to pass two of three cost-effectiveness tests.

Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp, serves 75,500 customers in its eastern Idaho territory.

Customers can file written comments on the commission’s website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on “Case Comment Form” under the “Electric” heading and enter your comments using the case number PAC-E-16-14. Comments can also be mailed to the commission at P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID, 83720-0074.

Copies of Rocky Mountain Power’s application and other documents related to the case are also found on the commission’s website. Click on “Open Cases” under the “Electric” heading and scroll down to Case No. PAC-E-16-14.

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