

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2020

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S
APPLICATION TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES IN
IDAHO AND FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ELECTRIC
SERVICE SCHEDULES AND REGULATIONS; PAC-E-20-03

On March 26, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power (“Company”), a division of PacifiCorp, filed a Notice of Intent to file a General Rate Case. The Company later decided that, due to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, it would instead develop a rate plan allowing it to delay filing a general rate case.

On May 28, 2020, the Company, Commission Staff, Bayer, Idaho Conservation League, Idaho Irrigation Pumper Association, and PacifiCorp Idaho Industrial Customers stipulated that the Company would delay filing a general rate case and instead apply for an accounting order (the “Stipulation”).

On July 2, 2020, the Company submitted this Application along with the Stipulation and asked for: (1) an accounting order authorizing the Company to create a regulatory asset to transfer decommissioning and plant closure costs of Cholla Unit No. 4 when it is retired; (2) approval of modifications to Phase II of the settlement stipulation to implement tax reform approved in Order No. 34431; and (3) approval of ratemaking treatment for Pryor Mountain and Foote Creek I wind resources to match costs with benefits—with costs capped at the level of benefits until the prudence of the resources can be determined in the next general rate case.

On July 20, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Idaho Irrigation Pumper's Association intervened in the case.

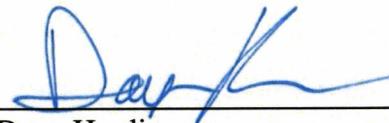
Staff conferred with parties on scheduling and preferred procedure. Staff and parties agreed that the case should be processed by modified procedure with a December 16, 2020 public comment deadline and a December 23, 2020 Company reply deadline.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

After conferring with the parties, Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Modified Procedure setting a December 16, 2020 public comment deadline and a December 23, 2020 Company reply deadline.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a December 16, 2020 public comment deadline and a December 23, 2020 Company reply comment deadline?



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