### BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S</b>	) <b>CASE NO. PAC-E-20-17</b>
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OR	)
REJECTION OF AN AMENDED POWER	) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SUNNY	)
BAR RANCH	) NOTICE OF
	) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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	) <b>ORDER NO. 34876</b>
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On November 23, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp ("Company") asked the Commission to approve or reject an amendment to the Company's Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") with Sunny Bar Ranch LLLP ("Seller") for energy generated by a small hydro-electric power plant in Butte County, Idaho ("Facility"). The Facility is a qualifying facility ("QF") under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA").

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED the Seller owns and operates the 350-kilowatt nameplate capacity Facility in Butte County, Idaho. *Application* at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's PPA with the Seller for energy from the Facility is dated June 27, 1985 and is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2021. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company and Seller seek to extend the PPA's term through April 20, 2022 to allow the parties time to complete a new stand-alone interconnection agreement that, after all distribution system upgrades are constructed and inservice, will replace the interconnection provisions in the current PPA. *Id*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. Click on the "ELECTRIC" tab, then select "Open 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* §§ 61-501, 61-502 and 61-503.

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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 31.01.01.201 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 persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by January 14, 2021. The written comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting it. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application must be sent electronically, unless e-mail is not available. To comment by e-mail, please access the Commission's home page at <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. Click the "Consumers" tab and then "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. Comments filed by e-mail must also be e-mailed to the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If e-mail is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 34876 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments by January 21, 2021.

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 a formal hearing.

### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by January 14, 2021. The Company must file any reply comments by January 21, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties continue to comply with Order No. 34781, issued September 17, 2020. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should also be accomplished electronically. Voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Commission Secretary

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