

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF AN ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT WITH SUNNY BAR RANCH; CASE NO. PAC-E-20-17.

On November 23, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power ("Company") filed an Application seeking approval of an amendment to an existing Energy Sales Agreement ("ESA") the Company has with Sunny Bar Ranch ("Seller") for the energy generated by a small hydro-electric power plant located in Butte County, Idaho ("Facility"). The Facility is a qualifying facility ("QF") under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA").

THE APPLICATION

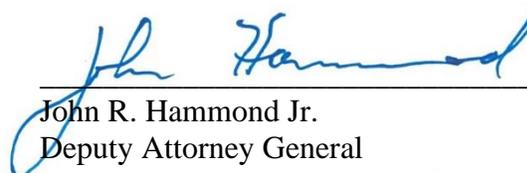
The Seller owns and operates the 350-kilowatt nameplate capacity Facility in Butte County, Idaho. *Application* at 1. The Seller's current ESA with the Company is dated June 27, 1985 and is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2021. *Id.* at 3. The Company and Seller seek to extend the term of the existing ESA from May 1, 2021, 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 in-service, will replace the interconnection provisions in the current ESA. *Id.*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is sending production requests to the Company with a 21-day response deadline. Accordingly, Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure that sets a January 14, 2021, comment deadline for interested persons and a January 21, 2021, reply deadline for the Company.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure that sets a January 14, 2021, comment deadline for interested persons and a January 21, 2021, reply deadline for the Company?



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