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Attention: Gary Widerburg

Commission Secretary

RE: Docket No. 17-035-39

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF RESOURCE DECISION TO REPOWER WIND

FACILITIES

Rocky Mountain Power hereby submits for electronic filing an Unopposed Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule in Docket No. 17-035-39 to amend the deadlines established in the Commission's Scheduling Order, Notice of Technical Conference, Notice of Hearing, and Order Granting Extension to Exceed 180-Day Approval Deadline ("Scheduling Order"), issued July 13, 2017, in this Docket.. Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests that all formal correspondence and requests for additional information regarding this filing be addressed to the following:

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Voluntary Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of Resource Decision to Repower Wind Facilities **DOCKET NO. 17-035-39**

UNOPPOSED MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp ("Rocky Mountain Power" or "Company"), under the Public Service Commission Administrative Procedures Act Rules, R746-1-301, hereby moves the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") to amend the deadlines established in the Commission's Scheduling Order, Notice of Technical Conference, Notice of Hearing, and Order Granting Extension to Exceed 180-Day Approval Deadline ("Scheduling Order"), issued July 13, 2017, in this Docket. All Parties in this docket were given notice of this Motion before filing and at the time of filing the following Parties have authorized the Company to represent that the Utah Division of Public Utilities ("Division"); the Office of Consumer Services ("Office"); the Utah Association of Energy Users ("UAE"); Utah Clean Energy ("UCE"); and Interwest Energy Alliance ("IEA")(collectively the "Parties') support this Motion and have agreed to the following:

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- 1. Since the Scheduling Order was issued July 13, 2017, Congress introduced tax reform legislation that, among other things, proposes a reduction in the corporate federal income tax rate. This could affect the projected customer benefits of PacifiCorp's proposed wind repowering project. In pre-filed testimony, Parties testify that, at this time, there is significant uncertainty about this issue.
- 2. Rocky Mountain Power and the Parties have met informally to discuss resolution of this proceeding, including whether it is reasonable to briefly delay the deadlines in the Scheduling Order to gain more certainty on potential tax reform legislation. Legislation is now being considered by the U.S. Congress and there is an expectation that final action on tax reform legislation could occur by the end of the year. Rocky Mountain Power and the Parties therefore agree that a short extension of the deadlines in the Scheduling Order is reasonable to allow an assessment of the effects of tax reform on the economics of the wind repowering project.
- 3. Rocky Mountain Power proposes that the Commission amend the deadlines in the Scheduling Order as follows: vacate the hearing scheduled November 29-30, 2017; add PacifiCorp supplemental testimony February 1, 2018; intervenor response testimony April 2, 2018; all-party rebuttal testimony April 23, 2018; hearing May 3-4, 2018.
- 4. Rocky Mountain Power will file supplemental testimony that includes an updated economic analysis on a project-by-project basis, reflecting:
 - a. determinative actions by Congress on tax reform, if known by December 31, 2017; and, if not yet known, the lowest effective corporate tax rate proposal pending or passed by either chamber of Congress as of December 31, 2017, and any provisions impacting the production tax credit still under consideration;

b. official forward price curves effective as of January 1, 2018, or the most recent official price curve available;

c. scenario analyses using assumptions for, at a minimum: 1) low gas/no CO₂, and 2) medium gas/medium CO₂; and

d. updates for known changes in wind repowering costs and performance, and projected changes in CO₂ costs.

5. Discovery turn-around times shall be ten (10) calendar days until April 2, 2018, and seven (7) calendar days or best efforts thereafter.

WHEREFORE and based on the foregoing, Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests the Commission grant this Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule as proposed above.

DATED this 22nd day of November 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Docket No. 17-035-39

I hereby certify that on November 22, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail to the following:

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