

- Q. Are you the same Chad A. Teply who submitted direct testimony in this proceeding
 on behalf of Rocky Mountain Power ("the Company"), a division of PacifiCorp?
 A. Yes.
 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY
- Q. What is the purpose of your supplemental direct and rebuttal testimony in thisproceeding?

A. In my supplemental direct testimony, I reflect the results of the Company's 2017R request for proposals ("2017R RFP"), by updating my direct testimony supporting the Company's proposal to construct or procure new wind resources ("Wind Projects") and to construct the Aeolus-to-Bridger/Anticline transmission line and network upgrades ("Transmission Projects") (collectively, the "Combined Projects"). I describe the four new wind facilities totaling 1,170 megawatts ("MW") selected as final shortlist resources in the 2017R RFP, and explain how those resources compare to the original proxy benchmark resources incorporated into my direct testimony. I also provide the information required by Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") Rule R746-430-2(1)(a), (b), (e) and (f) for the Wind Projects and for the associated facilities necessary to interconnect the Wind Projects. The other requirements under Rule 746-430-2(1) are addressed in the testimony of the other witnesses supporting the Application.

In my rebuttal testimony, I respond to the testimony of the Utah Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") witnesses Dr. Joni Zenger and Mr. Daniel Peaco, and Office of Consumer Services ("OCS") witness Mr. Philip Hayet.

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24 A. The key issues include:

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- Development and procurement of the Wind Projects is on schedule, so the Company
 can timely deliver them and address the risks identified in the parties' testimony
 with risk-mitigation measures that advance the public interest.
 - 2. The implementation schedules for the Combined Projects continue to provide reasonable timelines to assess project risks, incorporate the assessments into decision-making, and allow for changes in project direction in response to changing circumstances (*i.e.*, off-ramps).

Q. Please summarize your testimony.

The Company recognizes the unique circumstances resulting from the time-sensitivity of the resource opportunity. The Company has addressed these circumstances with a project schedule that permits the Company to comprehensively assess and confirm the economic benefits of the Combined Projects as development progresses and mitigate the risks inherent in projects of this scope.

The Company preliminarily announced the final shortlist from the 2017R RFP on January 8, 2018. The Company successfully engaged the competitive market, and the RFP results increase the benefits of the Combined Projects to customers. The Company is on track to successfully deliver the Combined Projects by year-end 2020 through timely development, procurement, and implementation. All of the steps taken by the Company ensure that the Wind Projects will qualify for production tax credits ("PTCs").

The Company's extensive experience successfully developing comparable

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46		projects supports its firm belief that it can deliver the Combined Projects and provide
47		substantial customer benefits. If changing circumstances adversely impact the
48		economics of the Combined Projects, the Company has established reasonable
49		timelines to assess project risks, incorporate the assessments into decision-making, and
50		allow for changes in project direction in response to changing circumstances (i.e., off-
51		ramps). The Combined Projects are in the public interest and provide substantial
52		benefits to customers.
53		SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY
54	Q.	Please describe the Wind Projects selected to the 2017R RFP final shortlist.
55	A.	The Wind Projects selected to the 2017R RFP final shortlist are four facilities in
56		Wyoming totaling approximately 1,170 MW:
57		1. McFadden Ridge II – 109 MW Company benchmark;
58		2. TB Flats I and II (combined into single project) – 500 MW Company
59		benchmark;
60		3. Cedar Springs – 400 MW third-party build-transfer and power purchase
61		agreement; and
62		4. Uinta – 161 MW third-party build-transfer.
63	Q.	How do these projects relate to the benchmark projects included in the
64		Application?
65	A.	In its Application, the Company provided detailed information on four proxy
66		benchmark wind facilities and committed to providing updated information regarding

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the Wind Projects ultimately selected in the 2017R RFP. The Company's McFadden

Ridge II and TB Flats I and II benchmarks were selected to the final shortlist. The

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69	Company's fourth benchmark wind facility, Ekola, was not selected to the 2017R RFP
70	final shortlist.

Q. Please describe the McFadden Ridge II project.

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McFadden Ridge II is a nominal 109 MW wind facility located in Carbon and Albany counties, Wyoming, which the Company is currently developing on a Company-controlled site. McFadden Ridge II is expected to have approximately 44 2.3-MW-to-2.5-MW wind turbine generators. The facility will consist of an electrical collection system, a 34.5-kilovolt ("kV") to 230-kV collector substation, 230-kV breakers, a 230-kV tie-line between the wind project and the point-of-interconnection substation, meteorological towers, access roads, and required communication and control facilities (*e.g.*, metering, hardware, software, and associated communication circuits and other equipment).

The McFadden Ridge II project selected to the shortlist is substantively identical to the project described in the Company's direct testimony.

O. Please describe the TB Flats I and II projects.

TB Flats I and II is a nominal 500 MW wind facility located primarily in Carbon County, Wyoming, although some facilities may be sited in Albany County as well. We expect TB Flats I and II to have approximately 134 2.0-MW-to-4.2-MW wind turbine generators and similar project infrastructure as described for McFadden Ridge II, with the addition of an operations and maintenance ("O&M") building.

The TB Flats I and II project, as selected to the 2017R RFP final shortlist, was submitted as a single Company benchmark project alternative to benefit from economies of scale and is no longer presented as two stand-alone projects of 250 MW

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for TB Flats I and 250 MW for TB Flats II projects as originally described in the Application.

The TB Flats I and II project is substantively identical to the TB Flats I and TB Flats II projects described in the Company's direct testimony.

Q. Please describe the Cedar Springs project.

A. Cedar Springs is a nominal 400 MW wind facility located in Converse County, Wyoming, and is being developed by a third-party. We expect the project to consist of approximately 161 2.3-MW-to-2.5-MW wind turbine generators and similar project infrastructure as described for McFadden Ridge II, with the addition of an O&M building. The Cedar Springs project, as proposed, will be procured as 50 percent build-transfer and 50 percent power purchase agreement.

Q. Please describe the Uinta project.

A. Uinta is a nominal 161 MW wind facility located in Uinta County, Wyoming. The Uinta project is being developed and delivered by a third-party under a build-transfer agreement. We expect the project to consist of approximately 47 2.3-MW-to-3.6-MW wind turbine generators and similar project infrastructure as described for McFadden Ridge II, with the addition of an O&M building.

Q. What are the total costs for the Wind Projects?

The proposed Wind Projects are estimated to cost approximately \$1.30 billion, recognizing the split procurement attributes of the Cedar Springs facility. This amount is lower than the cost estimate for the initial benchmark projects included in the Application, even though the Wind Projects selected to the 2017R RFP final shortlist provide additional capacity. The overall costs of the Combined Projects reflected in the

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115		Company's supplemental direct testimony are consistent with the costs included in the
116		Application.
117	Q.	Do all four Wind Projects rely on the Transmission Projects for interconnection?
118	A.	No. McFadden Ridge II, TB Flats I and II, and Cedar Springs, which total 1,009 MW,
119		rely on the construction of the Transmission Projects, which will relieve existing
120		congestion and allow interconnection of those Wind Projects. Uinta, which has a
121		nominal capacity of 161 MW, will interconnect to the Company's Wyoming
122		transmission system in southwest Wyoming and is not reliant on the Transmission
123		Projects for interconnection and delivery. In total, the benefits generated by the Wind
124		Projects' zero-fuel-cost generation, which lowers net power costs and provides 10 years
125		of PTCs, continue to support cost-effective development of the Transmission Projects.
126	Q.	Did the 2017R RFP consider the recently passed federal tax legislation and any
127		potential impacts on wind project proposals?
128	A.	Yes. As discussed in detail in Mr. Rick T. Link's testimony, the 2017R RFP process was
129		adjusted to allow proposals to be updated to reflect any impacts to proposal pricing, or
130		project viability, before determination of the final shortlist.
131	Q.	Has recently passed federal tax legislation resulted in a change to the time-
132		sensitive nature of the Combined Projects?
133	A.	No. The time-sensitive nature of the Combined Projects remains and is primarily driven
134		by the pending phase-out of PTCs for new wind resources. As Company witness Ms.
135		Nikki L. Kobliha explains, the recently passed federal tax legislation did not modify
136		the PTC provisions of the tax code.

137	Q.	To receive 100 percent of safe-harbor PTCs, must wind turbine generators still be
138		placed in service by the end of calendar year 2020?
139	A.	Yes. To receive 100 percent of safe-harbor PTCs, wind turbine generators in new
140		facilities that began construction before January 1, 2017, through purchase of safe-
141		harbor equipment, must be reviewed, approved, implemented, and placed in-service by
142		year-end 2020 to be eligible for the full PTC. The Company's implementation schedule
143		for the Combined Projects is designed to meet these criteria and provide customers the
144		economic benefit of 100 percent of the PTCs.
145	Q.	Do the Wind Projects selected to the 2017R RFP final shortlist meet the Internal
146		Revenue Service's ("IRS") start-of-construction criteria?
147	A.	Yes. The Company confirmed through its due diligence efforts that each of the Wind
148		Projects selected to the 2017R RFP final shortlist have acquired, or have the rights to,
149		sufficient wind turbine generator equipment and other facility-specific components
150		before December 31, 2016, to meet the start-of-construction definition for tax purposes.
151		These transactions satisfy the safe-harbor requirements under the PTC guidance issued
152		by the IRS. More specifically, the Company has confirmed 2016 safe-harbor purchases
153		of wind turbine generator equipment for each of the 2017R RFP final shortlist Wind
154		Projects with the respective project developers. Each of the shortlisted 2017R RFP
155		project developers has provided the appropriate evidence of the safe-harbor purchases
156		that will be applied to each of the respective Wind Projects.
157	Q.	How does the Company plan to continue to procure the Wind Projects selected to
158		the 2017R RFP shortlist?
159	A.	With the final shortlist determined, the Company will continue to engage the shortlisted

counterparties in negotiations to finalize terms and conditions, with a target for execution of definitive agreements by April 16, 2018. The final shortlist Wind Projects include a combination of Company benchmark resources, facilities that have been selected instead of one or more of the Company benchmark resources, and facilities in addition to the Company benchmark resources. These Wind Projects have been assessed as equal-to or better-than the Company benchmark resources included in the Application. In each case, the individual Wind Projects' developer has submitted its proposed commercial structure for construction and procurement of the resource within the guidelines of the 2017R RFP.

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Q. Please provide an updated timeline of key decision points, regulatory outcomes, and project development activities.

The following timeline provides an overview of the key events that have already occurred, and the events that will occur as the currently anticipated resource procurement and development efforts continue.

Energy Vision 2020 New Wind and Transmission Timeline

	Apr, 4, 2017—PacifiCorp 2017 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") filing
	Jun. 30, 2017—Idaho CPCN filing
	Jun. 30, 2017—Wyoming CPCN filing
	Jun. 30, 2017—Utah Resource Decision filing
2017	Sept. 27, 2017—PacifiCorp 2017R RFP issued to market
	Nov. 17, 2017—PacifiCorp 2017R RFP initial shortlist determination
	Nov. 22, 2017—PacifiCorp 2017R RFP initial shortlist price updates from market
	Dec. 11, 2017—Oregon Commission action on 2017 IRP action items
	Dec. 2017—U.S. Tax Code legislation passed

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	Jan. 8, 2018—PacifiCorp 2017R RFP final shortlist determination
	Jan. 16, 2018—Idaho CPCN supplemental filing
	Jan. 16, 2018—Wyoming CPCN supplemental filing
	Jan. 16, 2018—Utah Resource Decision supplemental filing
	Feb. 22–28, 2018—Wyoming CPCN public hearing
	Mar. 6–9, 2018—Utah Resource Decision public hearing
	Mar. 12–15, 2018—Idaho CPCN public hearing
	Mar. 9, 2018—Wyoming legislative session ends (budget session)
	Apr. 6, 2018—Idaho CPCN Commission Order
	Apr. 6, 2018—Utah Resource Decision Commission Order
2018	Apr. 30, 2018—Wyoming CPCN Commission Order (conditioned upon rights-of-way
2010	("ROW") acquisition)
	Apr. 16, 2018—Executable Wind Projects Agreements Finalized
	May 1, 2018—Begin Transmission Projects ROW acquisition
	May 31, 2018—Wind Projects Limited Notice to Proceed ("LNTP")
	Jun. 30, 2018—USFWS Eagle Take Permit first-year data collection complete (benchmarks)
	Nov. 30, 2018—Transmission Projects EPC Contract LNTP (500 kV)
	Dec. 31, 2018—Wyoming Industrial Siting Council permits received, New Wind
	(benchmarks) Dec. 31, 2018—Wyoming Industrial Siting Council permit received, Transmission
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	Jan. 1, 2019—Complete Transmission Projects ROW acquisition (anticipated) Jan. 1, 2019—Wyoming CPCN issued (transmission ROW acquired; anticipated)
	Mar. 31, 2019—Wyoming legislative session ends (full session; approximate date)
2019	Apr. 1, 2019—Transmission EPC Contract Full Notice to Proceed ("FNTP") (500 kV) Apr. 1, 2019—Wind Projects FNTP
	Apr. 1, 2019—Wind Projects Turbine Supply Agreement release (benchmark)
	Jun. 30, 2019—USFWS Eagle Take Permit second-year data collection complete (benchmarks)
	Sept. 30, 2019—Submit voluntary USFWS Eagle Take Permit application (benchmarks)
	Mar. 15, 2020—Wyoming legislative session ends (budget session; approximate date)
2020	Dec. 31, 2020—Receive voluntary Eagle Take Permit (if issued by USFWS)
	Dec. 31, 2020—New Wind and Transmission Projects in-service

- 175 Q. Is the Company currently on track to meet this development schedule and complete the Combined Projects by the end of 2020?
- 177 A. Yes.
- Does the timeline above provide off-ramps to allow the Company to revise, or potentially terminate, development efforts in response to changes in federal income tax policy, project permitting, or other risks associated with the Combined Projects?
- 182 A. Yes. In particular, the Company has incorporated the changes to the federal corporate
 183 income tax code into the economic analysis included in Mr. Link's supplemental direct
 184 testimony. Thus, the risk associated with changes in federal tax rates have been
 185 resolved.

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To provide further risk mitigation, the timeline for developing and implementing the Combined Projects contemplates offering limited notices to proceed ("LNTP") to key engineering, procurement, and construction ("EPC") contractors and build-transfer project counterparties associated with the projects after obtaining the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") from the Wyoming Public Service Commission. The LNTP will facilitate EPC contractor support of the Wyoming Industrial Siting Council permit review and hearing processes, as well as initiation of certain engineering and pre-procurement activities. The LNTP concept incorporated into these key contracts will limit cost commitments while allowing critical parallel path project development activities and approvals to progress.

The project timeline also incorporates off-ramps to ensure the transmission rights-of-way ("ROW") acquisition effort is complete and the final CPCNs are obtained before release of full notice to proceed ("FNTP") to EPC contractors and build-transfer counterparties for the Combined Projects. Under the terms of the major contracts for the Combined Projects that will be awarded by the Company, FNTP allows the EPC contractors to proceed with their major equipment purchases, site mobilization, and subcontract awards that also entail the associated cost commitments for those activities. Recognizing that a successful and timely ROW acquisition process is fundamental to the overall success of the project, negotiation of the FNTP terms described above with major contractors and counterparties provides another layer of risk mitigation that the Company has incorporated into its planning.

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207 CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT, NEGOTIATIONS, AND IMPLEMENTATION 208 Q. What is the current status of development for each of the Wind Projects? 209 As part of the 2017R RFP process, the Wind Projects have undergone preliminary A. 210 vetting for interconnection status, wind resource performance, PTC eligibility, 211 permitting status, conformance to specifications, constructability, and equipment supply. Going forward, the Company's resource development team will engage 212 213 shortlisted project counterparties in detailed commercial negotiations of scope, 214 schedule, cost, and terms within the construct of the 2017R RFP, and otherwise 215 continue with established development plans and activities for the Wind Projects. 216 Q. Will the Company develop additional information for the Wind Projects? 217 Yes. If material changes in circumstances or new information on the Wind Projects A. 218 becomes available during the detailed negotiations, ongoing development, and project 219 implementation activities, the Company will assess the information to ensure the 220 Company delivers the most competitive Wind Projects for customers. The Company 221 will communicate any material changes in circumstances, as discussed in the 222 supplemental direct and rebuttal testimony of Company witnesses Ms. Cindy A. Crane 223 and Ms. Joelle R. Steward. 224 0.

Will the Company provide additional landowner notifications now that the 2017R 225 RFP final shortlist has been identified?

Yes. To ensure compliance with the Wyoming statute on landowner notifications associated with CPCN applications for wind and transmission facilities, the Company updated landowner information for parcels within 2,000 feet of any 230 kV transmission lines related to the Wind Projects and will work with the Wyoming Public

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230		Service Commission to notify any landowners who were not previously included in the
231		landowner notifications related to the Transmission Projects.
232	Q.	Are applications with the Wyoming Industrial Siting Council ("ISC") for the
233		Wind Projects being prepared?
234	A.	Yes. The Company's McFadden Ridge II benchmark project scope was included in a
235		previous permitting process before the ISC, which was approved. The ISC Permit
236		Applications for the TB Flats I and II, Cedar Springs, and Uinta projects are being
237		developed and will be filed in accordance with the individual project development and
238		implementation schedules to support year-end 2020 in-service dates now that those
239		projects have been selected to the 2017R RFP final shortlist. Based upon a review of
240		the shortlisted project schedules, the Company expects the ISC review processes and
241		hearings for the TB Flats I and II, Cedar Springs, and Uinta projects will proceed
242		through April 2019, subject to updates identified during detailed negotiation of project
243		contracts, schedules, and implementation plans with each of the shortlisted Wind
244		Projects counterparties. The ISC is required to hold a hearing within ninety days of
245		each application under W.S. § 35-12-109.
246	Q.	Does the Company anticipate landowner participation in the ISC proceedings
247		associated with the Wind Projects?
248	A.	Yes. Based upon past experience in siting wind resources in Wyoming, as well as the
249		landowner intervener interests in this docket, the Company anticipates robust
250		participation of landowners in the ISC proceedings for each of the Wind Projects to
251		ensure that all issues and concerns within the scope of the ISC permit process are fully
252		vetted.

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253	Q.	Has the Company performed preliminary evaluations of the wind potential at
254		each Wind Project site?

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Yes. Studies for each of the Wind Projects were completed by the individual project developers. The Company also validated wind potential with a third-party wind resource evaluation firm as part of the 2017R RFP process. Wind assessments for each of the Wind Projects indicate that the sites have favorable wind regimes suitable for high performance wind resources. In particular, the Company previously provided testimony in this docket regarding the wind resources and the anticipated capacity factors expected to be produced by the Company's project layouts for the McFadden Ridge II and TB Flats I and II wind projects. The third-party developers of the Cedar Springs and Uinta Wind Projects provided similar assessments of the wind resources and expected capacity factors for their projects, which is included in the exhibits for each project attached to my testimony.

The 2017R RFP evaluation team also reviewed the wind resource assessments for each project and independently determined whether the wind data for each project supported the proposed capacity factors or whether adjustments to the proposed capacity factor for a project were warranted. Mr. Link provides additional testimony regarding the results of the 2017R RFP team's independent review in his supplemental direct testimony.

Q. Has each Wind Project developer determined who will be responsible for construction of each project?

A. Not yet. Each of the Wind Project developers has indicated its intent to issue competitive procurement requests for proposals to obtain firm-fixed pricing to

276		engineer, procure, construct and commission each wind facility now that they have
277		been added to the 2017R RFP final shortlist. For the McFadden Ridge II and TB Flats
278		I and II projects, the Company is negotiating with shortlisted EPC contractors that
279		submitted formal proposals in 2017.
280	Q.	Has each Wind Project developer determined who will supply the wind turbine
281		generators for each Wind Project?
282	A.	Not entirely. As discussed above, each of the Wind Project developers has acquired or
283		has rights to acquire safe-harbor wind turbine generator equipment and other project-
284		specific components, which it proposes to use at the Wind Projects as required to meet
285		the IRS's start-of-construction criteria for PTC eligibility. Each of the Wind Project
286		developers also indicated its intent to finalize procurement of follow-on wind turbine
287		generator equipment through competitive procurement requests for proposals or under
288		existing master supply agreements, and identified its intended equipment suppliers,
289		models, and configurations in its 2017R RFP submittals.
290	Q.	How did the Company generate the cost information for construction, operation,
291		and maintenance of the individual Wind Projects through their useful lives?
292	A.	As further discussed in Mr. Link's testimony, the Company prepared its capital cost
293		estimates for the Wind Projects using information from a variety of sources.
294		For its McFadden Ridge II and TB Flats I and II benchmark Wind Projects, the
295		Company obtained wind turbine costs from competitive procurement processes that
296		were held in 2016 to procure the Company's safe-harbor wind turbine generator
297		equipment and in 2017 for follow-on wind turbine generator equipment. The Company
298		also obtained balance of plant engineering, procurement, construction, and

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commissioning costs from a competitive procurement process that was held in 2017 to support final submittals in the 2017R RFP process. Transmission interconnection costs were estimated using comparable wind facility transmission studies and prior project experience, and internal project development, management and permitting costs were estimated based upon the Company's experience with construction of past wind facilities and other recent generation resource additions. The Company applied contingencies in various cost categories to account for project uncertainties given the current stage of development of the project. O&M cost estimates were developed based upon the Company's experience with wind resource O&M budgets and third-party contracts for the Company's existing wind facilities. Ongoing capital costs were estimated based upon the Company's experience and indicative costs provided by wind turbine generator suppliers for critical capital components.

For the third-party developed Wind Projects, the Company received competitive market proposals for a combination of build-transfer projects and power purchase agreements within the guidelines provided in the 2017R RFP. All bid proposals received through that process require a bid validity date through April 16, 2018, and final shortlist bidders provided a letter signed by an officer that commits to the requirements of the 2017R RFP. Transmission interconnection costs for the individual projects were informed by transmission system impact studies, and internal project development, management, and permitting costs were estimated based upon the developers' experience with development and construction of past wind facilities. O&M cost estimates were developed based upon the Company's experience with wind resource O&M budgets and third-party contracts for the Company's existing wind

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322		facilities. Ongoing capital costs were estimated based upon the Company's experience
323		and indicative costs provided by wind turbine generator suppliers for critical capital
324		components.
325	Q.	Will the Company and third-party developers collaborate with the Wyoming
326		Game and Fish Department, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other
327		environmental agencies to develop and implement the Wind Projects?
328	A.	Yes. The Company and the third-party project developers have initiated discussions
329		with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
330		regarding developing and implementing the Wind Projects. The Company and the
331		third-party project developers have also begun pre-construction usage surveys for
332		various avian, bat, and wildlife species using recommendations from applicable state
333		and federal guideline documents, including the 2012 Land Based Wind Energy
334		Guidelines. The Company and third-party project developers will coordinate with
335		county, state, and federal agencies that have jurisdiction over development, permitting,
336		and operations to ensure appropriate environmental and safety measures are
337		implemented throughout the life of the Wind Projects. The Company is committed to
338		establishing development and implementation schedules and protocols that recognize
339		the potential environmental impacts of the Wind Projects and strive to mitigate negative
340		impacts.
341	Q.	Will the Wind Projects' wind turbine generators or associated infrastructure be
342		built in Wyoming's Greater Sage Grouse Core area?
343	A.	No. The Wind Projects' wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure,
344		including the associated generation interconnection tie-lines, will not be located within

the current boundaries of Wyoming's Greater Sage Grouse Core area.

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Q. How will potential visual and lighting impacts from the Wind Projects be addressed?

State and county permitting regulations contain requirements that recognize and address potential visual and lighting impacts. The Company and third-party developers will incorporate those applicable measures into the siting, construction, and operations of the Wind Projects as part of the permitting process. Such measures may include: down shielded lighting on project infrastructure; Federal Aviation Administration approved/recommended turbine lighting protocols; active aviation light management; and use of approved paint colors for turbines.

Q. When will construction of the Wind Projects begin and end?

As described in detail in the exhibits attached to my testimony, site construction of the Wind Projects will begin as soon as the second quarter of 2019. The Company and the third-party developers will not begin construction, however, until all of the necessary regulatory approvals and applicable permits and authorizations from other local, state, tribal or federal governmental agencies that have jurisdiction over the construction or operation of the Wind Projects have been received, including approval from the Wyoming ISC to ensure that the projects ultimately selected are in the best interest of customers. The Company anticipates that substantial completion for the Wind Projects, under normal construction circumstances, weather conditions, labor availability and materials delivery, will be achieved by November 15, 2020, or as otherwise updated during detailed negotiation of project contracts, schedules, and implementation plans with each of the shortlisted Wind Projects counterparties.

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368	Q.	What is the expected operational life of the Wind Projects?
369	A.	The anticipated operational life of the Wind Projects has been assessed at 30 years for
370		the purposes of the Application and this supplemental filing, which aligns with the
371		Company's currently approved depreciable life for wind resources. The operational life

may be reviewed and extended based on advances in turbine technologies or

improvements in maintenance processes (or both) through the course of the Company's

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- Q. Will the Wind Projects be decommissioned or repowered at the end of their operational life?
- 377 Α. The Company may dismantle and reclaim the Wind Projects delivered under a build-378 transfer agreement at the end of their operational life based upon the requirements of 379 the operating permit. Typically, county and state agencies identify the decommissioning 380 requirements during the permitting process, including expected reclamation efforts and 381 overall decommissioning costs and security requirements. The Company may also 382 consider replacing or upgrading the existing infrastructure at the end of the operational 383 life if conditions (i.e., economics, permitting, customer load needs, etc.) are conducive 384 to reinvestment in the Wind Projects.

REQUIREMENTS OF COMMISSION RULE 746-430-2(1)

- Q. Please summarize how the Company's Application meets the requirements for approval of a significant energy resource.
- A. Commission Rule 746-430-2(1) describes what must be included in an application for approval of a significant energy resource. As such, I have incorporated exhibits to my testimony that provide information for the Wind Projects pertaining to R746-430-

391		2(1)(a), (b), (e) and (f) requirements. The other requirements under Rule 746-430-2(1)
392		are addressed in the testimony of the other witnesses supporting the Application.
393	Q.	Please describe your exhibits for the nominal 400 MW Cedar Springs facility that
394		provide the information required by Commission Rule 746-430-2(1).
395	A.	The required information for the nominal 400 MW Cedar Springs facility is included
396		in Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD) to my testimony. Confidential Exhibit
397		RMP(CAT-1SD) subparts are:
398		• Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD-1)—Wind Turbine Generator ("WTG")
399		Site Layout
400		Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD-2)—Site Wind Resource Data
401		Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD-3)—Preliminary Project Schedule
402		Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD-4)-Project Map
403		Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD-5)—Metes and Bounds Property
404		Information
405		Highly Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD-6)—Generation Tie-line Property
406		Information
407		Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD-7)—Environmental Studies
408		Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD-8)—Raptor Nest Information
409		Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD-9)—Permitting Matrix
410		Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD-10)—System Impact Re-Study Q712
411		Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-1SD-11)-230-kV Tie-line Structure Details

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412	Q.	Please describe the exhibits to your testimony for the nominal 500 MW 1B Flats 1
413		and II wind facility that provide the information required by Commission Rule
414		746-430-2(1).
415	A.	The required information for the nominal 500 MW TB Flats I and II wind facility is
416		included in Confidential Exhibit RMP_(CAT-2SD) to my testimony. Confidential
417		Exhibit RMP_(CAT-2SD) subparts that have been updated since my direct testimony
418		was filed in this docket are:
419		Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-2SD-1)—Preliminary Site Layout
420		• Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-2SD-7)—Parcel Map
421		Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-2SD-14)—Large Generator Interconnection
422		Facilities Study
423	Q.	Please describe the exhibits for the nominal 109 MW McFadden Ridge II wind
424		facility that provide the information required by Commission Rule 746-430-2(1).
425	A.	The required information for the nominal 109 MW McFadden Ridge II wind facility is
426		included in Exhibit RMP(CAT-3SD) to my testimony. Exhibit RMP(CAT-3SD)
427		subparts that have been updated since my direct testimony was filed in this docket are:
428		 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT3SD-1)-WTG Site Layout
429	Q.	Please describe the exhibits to your testimony for the nominal 161 MW Uinta wind
430		facility that provide the information required by Commission Rule 746-430-2(1).
431	A.	The required information for the nominal 161 MW Uinta wind facility is included in
432		Confidential Exhibit RMP_(CAT-4SD) to my testimony. Confidential Exhibit
433		RMP(CAT-4SD) subparts are:
434		Confidential Exhibit RMP (CAT-4SD-1)—Project Details and Facilities
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435	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-1-A)—Site Layout
436	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-1-D)—Preliminary One-Line
437	Diagrams
438	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-1-E)—Wetlands and Surface Water
439	Confidential Exhibit RMP (CAT-4SD-2)—Site Description
440	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-2-A)—Preliminary Metes and Bound
441	Description
442	Confidential <u>Exhibit RMP</u> (CAT-4SD-3)—Geology
443	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-3-A)—Vicinity Topography
444	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-3-B)—Groundwater
445	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-3-C)—Surficial Geology
446	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-3-D)—Bedrock Geology
447	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-3-E)-Mineral Deposits
448	Confidential Exhibit RMP (CAT-4SD-4)—Natural Resources
449	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-4-A)-Visual Resources
450	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-4-B)-Visual Simulations
451	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-4-C)–Regional Summary
452	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-4-H)-Studies Status
453	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-4-I)–Environmental Studies
454	Highly Confidential Exhibit RMP (CAT-4SD-5Property Acquisition Status)
455	 Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-4SD-5-B)–Landowner Map
456	Confidential <u>Exhibit RMP</u> (CAT-4SD-6)—Preliminary Construction Schedule
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457		Confidential Exhibit RMP (CAT-4SD-7)—Site Wind Resource Data
458	Q.	Please provide a summary of the capital expenditures required to construct the
459		Wind Projects.
460	A.	Confidential Exhibit RMP(CAT-5SD) to my testimony includes the summary.
461		REBUTTAL TESTIMONY
462	Q.	Several parties note that the Wind Projects must be operational by the end of 2020
463		to receive full PTC benefits. (See, e.g., Hayet Direct, lines 249-252; Zenger Direct,
464		lines 289-293.) How does the Company plan to ensure successful and timely
465		delivery of the Combined Projects?
466	A.	The Company relies on several strategies to ensure successful mitigation of the types
467		of project-implementation risks that could delay the Combined Projects beyond 2020.
468		The Company recently used these same strategies to successfully deliver very similar
469		wind and transmission projects as those under review in this docket.
470		Perhaps most importantly, the Company built its regulatory procedural
471		schedules and project-implementation timeline to allow sufficient time to acquire the
472		rights-of-way ("ROW") necessary for the Aeolus-to-Bridger/Anticline transmission
473		line. The ability to acquire necessary ROW will be known before releasing the full
474		notice to proceed ("FNTP") to major contractors for the Combined Projects. Moreover,
475		if there is a delay in acquiring the necessary ROW for the Transmission Projects, the
476		Company will reassess how to adjust the projects' remaining critical-path schedules to
477		successfully deliver customers the benefits of the Combined Projects.
478	Q.	Has the Company started negotiating the contracts for the Combined Projects?
479	A. Page	Yes. The Company solicited competitive market proposals and is actively negotiating 23 – Supplemental Direct and Rebuttal Testimony of Chad A. Teply

contract terms, conditions, and pricing for the Wind Projects, and is engaged in similar efforts for the Aeolus-to-Bridger/Anticline transmission line, as more fully described in the rebuttal testimony of Company witness Mr. Rick A. Vail. This will ensure contract execution in a timely and efficient manner following regulatory approvals and receipt of critical permits, but also to review each potential counterparty's ability to secure and deliver labor and materials throughout its proposed construction schedules. (See Zenger Direct, lines 315-318.) This review considers the number and scope of concurrent projects that potential counterparties have been able to deliver historically, and their approach to booking future projects and managing that business growth in times of significant market opportunity. The early engagement of contractors and counterparties, the timely selection of contractors and shortlisted projects, and the timely approval of a CPCN from the Wyoming Public Service Commission for the projects, will allow the Company to commit and secure labor and materials from the selected contractors and counterparties for its projects before other market participants who engage in such discussions later in 2018 and 2019.

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Q. Has the Company taken a similar approach to engage the market for wind turbine suppliers?

Yes. The Company has also solicited competitive market proposals and is actively negotiating wind turbine supply contract terms, conditions, and pricing for the Company benchmark Wind Projects. These efforts will (1) ensure timely and efficient contract execution following receipt of regulatory approvals and critical permits, and (2) secure manufacturing and delivery queue positions and schedules in support of the Wind Projects. I discussed the procurement status of wind turbine generators for the

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- Wind Projects earlier in this this testimony.
- 504 Q. How will the Company manage any weather-related construction-delay risk as
 505 discussed by Dr. Zenger? (Zenger Direct, line 309.)
- 506 A. The Company is actively negotiating project schedules and commercial terms with its 507 shortlisted EPC contractors for the McFadden Ridge II and TB Flats I and II benchmark 508 Wind Projects to address the potential for wind days, extreme weather, construction 509 restrictions to accommodate winter ranges for certain wildlife, and other potential 510 weather-related risks. For example, the Company has shifted construction activities 511 such as installation of turbine foundations and collector systems from 2020 to 2019 in 512 the proposed construction schedules to mitigate weather-related construction risk in 513 2020. The Company's economic analysis supporting the Combined Projects 514 incorporates these EPC contract provisions, and similar provisions will be negotiated 515 with the third-party build-transfer Wind Project developers.
- 516 Q. Mr. Hayet argues there is risk associated with the Company's reliance on third-517 party developers. (Havet Direct, lines 498-521.) How do you respond to this risk? 518 A. Mr. Hayet's contention that third-party developers being responsible for constructing a 519 significant portion of the Wind Projects introduces undue risk is inaccurate and, more 520 importantly, unsupported given the shortlisted 2017R RFP build-transfer Wind Projects 521 developers' commitments and contractual obligations to deliver the build-transfer 522 projects submitted to the 2017 RFP under the prescribed commercial structure, 523 regardless of the ratio of Company self-build options to third-party build-transfer 524 projects. The terms of the Development Transfer Agreement provides specific

provisions for the timing and scope of the TB Flats I and II benchmark project

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526		development assets transfer, to be implemented by PacifiCorp with directly assigned
527		balance of plant EPC contracts and directly assigned wind turbine generator supply
528		contracts. The terms of the 2017R RFP build-transfer agreements for the Cedar Springs
529		and Uinta Wind Projects provide specific protections for the Company's rights and
530		obligations, and for Company oversight of progress, inspection, confirmation of scope
531		compliance, and performance guarantees with those counterparties. In addition, the
532		third-party developers on the 2017R RFP final shortlist responsible for the Cedar
533		Springs and Uinta build-transfer wind projects are industry leaders in wind-project
534		development and implementation.
535	Q.	Mr. Hayet suggests a risk that the Company's 2016 safe-harbor expenditures
536		related to the Wind Projects may be insufficient to receive the full PTC benefits.
537		(Hayet Direct, lines 711-718.) How has the Company mitigated this risk?
538	A.	The Company has mitigated this risk by confirming 2016 safe-harbor wind turbine
539		generator purchases for each of the 2017R RFP final shortlist Wind Projects with the
540		respective project developers. Mr. Hayet's reference to the Company's direct
541		expenditures for safe-harbor equipment in 2016 represents only a portion of safe-harbor
542		wind turbine generator purchases required for the Wind Projects. Each of the 2017R
543		RFP project proponents has provided the appropriate evidence of the safe-harbor
544		purchases that will be applied to each of the respective Wind Projects.
545	Q.	Mr. Peaco alleges that the Company has not "provided any mechanism for damage
546		recovery due to 'lost' PTC." (Peaco Direct, lines 879-882.) How do you respond?
547	A.	As discussed above, the Company will use various risk mitigation measures, or
548		"mechanisms," including specific contract terms and conditions to be negotiated with

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549		2017R RFP shortlist counterparties and contractors to avoid "lost PTC" scenarios.
550		Specific contract terms and conditions will include, but not be limited to, project
551		schedule and tracking requirements, performance guarantees, indemnities, and
552		liquidated damages, all of which provide the Company with commercial "mechanisms"
553		to proactively manage and address potential counterparty performance issues that could
554		ultimately lead to "lost PTC." While a competitive-market participant will not accept
555		consequential damages related to the recovery of "lost PTC" in entirety, the Company
556		will deploy reasonably appropriate and commercially available risk mitigation
557		measures within the Combined Projects' implementation plans and contracts.
558	Q.	Mr. Peaco notes a risk that the capital costs of the Wind Projects will be more than
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559 560		expected and thereby decrease the estimated customer benefits. (Peaco Direct, lines 961-962.) Has the Company been able to mitigate this risk?
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559560561562563		expected and thereby decrease the estimated customer benefits. (Peaco Direct, lines 961-962.) Has the Company been able to mitigate this risk? Yes. By engaging the competitive market and implementing appropriate and commercially available risk-mitigation measures in its contracts for the Combined Projects, the Company is making every effort to mitigate any capital cost risks for the

aspects of the Combined Projects has been discussed at length in my testimony and the

testimony of Mr. Vail.

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569	Q.	Does the level of risk or uncertainty of the capital cost estimates for the Combined
570		Projects differ from the risks and uncertainty inherent in all resource
571		acquisitions?
572	A.	No. The Company's approach to estimate costs and then engage the competitive market
573		during the Combined Projects' development schedules is reasonable and prudent and
574		provides additional certainty and mitigation of capital cost risk.
575	Q.	Mr. Peaco argues that a small reduction in production from the Wind Projects will
576		erode the customer benefits. (Peaco Direct, lines 995-998.) What efforts has the
577		Company taken to validate the capacity factors developed for the Wind Projects?
578	A.	The Company engaged an independent third-party wind-resource-data technical
579		analyst to review and determine the appropriate capacity factor estimates to incorporate
580		into its Wind Project analyses and 2017R RFP submissions. The third-party technical
581		assessments are based on an annual 50-percent probability ("P50") approach and
582		provide estimated wind production over several years to account for normal and
583		expected annual variations. By the very nature of a P50 estimate, actual wind project
584		production is expected to be below the P50 estimate half of the years and above the
585		P50 estimate the other half of the years. Requiring the Company to provide the full
586		PTC and energy benefits at the higher of the P50 capacity factor or actual production
587		is asymmetrical and unreasonable.
588	Q.	Has the Company taken additional efforts to validate the capacity factors of the
589		shortlisted bids in the 2017R RFP?
590	A.	Yes. As Mr. Link testifies, the Company engaged another independent third-party wind-
591		resource data technical analysts to review and determine the appropriate capacity factor

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- estimates to incorporate into any final shortlist analyses. The third-party experts based their assessments on a P50 approach. This independent study is included as an exhibit to Mr. Link's supplemental direct testimony.
- How have the Company's Wyoming wind resources performed from 2010 through 2016, as compared to the annual capacity factors estimated for the individual projects at the time of acquisition decision-making?
- Overall, the Company's existing wind projects in the Medicine Bow, Wyoming area near the proposed location of the Aeolus substation have out-performed the preconstruction estimates, as set forth in the following table:

WYOMING WIND CAPACITY FACTOR SUMMARY

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Capacity Factor	MW	COD	Pre-Construction	Average Actual	Difference
			(non-leap years)	2010 - 2016	
SEVEN MILE HILL I	99	12/31/2008	41.3 percent	39.2 percent	-5.0 percent
SEVEN MILE HILL II	19.5	12/31/2008	39.3 percent	42.5 percent	8.1 percent
HIGH PLAINS	99	9/13/2009	35.7 percent	35.2 percent	-1.3 percent
MCFADDEN RIDGE I	28.5	9/29/2009	34.5 percent	37.2 percent	7.9 percent
DUNLAP I	111	10/1/2010	36.4 percent	40.2 percent	10.4 percent
Total	357				

Q. Why have you limited your analysis to only projects developed near the MedicineBow area of Wyoming?

A. The Company's results with the relatively recent Wyoming wind projects that were developed near Medicine Bow, Wyoming, are better correlated and more representative of the results the Company would expect with the Wind Projects, particularly considering each of the four Wind Projects incorporated into the Application is located adjacent to the Company's existing operating sites included in the chart above.

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609	Q.	Do the results to date indicate fatal flaws or undue risk in the third-party P50
610		analysis the Company relies on to assess project economics and customer benefits
611		before acquisition of new wind projects?
612	A.	No. If anything, the data presented above indicates the Company's approach to P50
613		capacity factor assessment for its Wyoming projects has provided a conservative
614		representation of results on an average basis through seven years of project operation.
615	Q.	Is there a mechanism in place to appropriately capture the variability in resource
616		benefits inherent with new wind projects?
617	A.	Yes. As used with previously implemented new wind projects, the Energy Balancing
618		Account captures the variability in resource benefits inherent with new wind projects,
619		in conjunction with other system energy costs, and distributes those benefits to
620		customers.
621	Q.	Is there anything about the Wind Projects that makes the estimated capacity
622		factor more uncertain than for other wind facilities the Company has developed?
623	A.	No. The Company's methodology for estimating the capacity factors for the Wind
624		Projects is the same as the methodology previously relied on by the Commission. In
625		this respect, the Wind Projects are no riskier than any of the previous wind projects the
626		Company has successfully developed for customers.
627	Q.	Are customers bearing all of the risks associated with the Combined Projects?
628	A.	No. Until the Commission reviews the implementation of a resource acquisition for
629		prudence, the Company bears the risks. The Company anticipates that the prudence of
630		its implementation of the Combined Projects will undergo rigorous review in Utah, and
631		in all the other states where the Company provides retail service. In addition, as

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632	described by Mr. Link, the risks associated with the Combined Projects are no different
633	than those associated with any other utility resource acquisition.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Q. What do you conclude in your supplemental direct and rebuttal testimony?

The Combined Projects remain well positioned to provide customer benefits and are being effectively developed in parallel to ongoing regulatory proceedings--including the 2017R RFP, procurement activities, and upcoming permitting--to mitigate project risks and deliver desired outcomes. The Company continues to manage project-development activities within a reasonable timeline to assess project risks, incorporate those assessments into decision-making, and allow for changes in project direction (*i.e.*, off-ramps), if necessary. The Company appreciates the parties' engagement, and the Combined Projects will benefit from this rigorous stakeholder review before the Company makes major commitments to the projects.

Q. Does this conclude your supplemental direct and rebuttal testimony?

646 A. Yes.

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