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I. INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Q. Please state your name, business address, and present position with PacifiCorp d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power (“Rocky Mountain Power” or the “Company”).

A. My name is Ramon J. Mitchell, and my business address is 825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232. My title is Manager, Net Power Costs.

Q. Please describe your education and professional experience.

A. I received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Portland and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Reed College. I was first employed by the Company in 2015 and during my time at the Company I have held various positions in the regulation, merchant, and transmission departments. After a brief departure from the Company, in 2021 I returned to the Company as Manager, Net Power Costs. In my current role I am responsible for leading and overseeing various efforts associated with the Company’s net power costs (“NPC”) filings.

Q. Have you testified in previous regulatory proceedings?

A. Yes. I have previously provided testimony to the public utility commissions in California and Oregon.

II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

A. My testimony presents the Company’s proposed NPC for the 12-month forecast period ending December 31, 2024 (“test period”); and proposes changes to the annual Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (“ECAM”) to eliminate the sharing band. Specifically, my testimony:

- 1 • Summarizes forecasted NPC for the 2024 test period in this general rate case
2 (“GRC”) and explains the calculation of NPC using the Company’s Aurora
3 model;
- 4 • Explains the primary drivers behind the increase in NPC compared to the
5 current base NPC approved by the Wyoming Public Service Commission
6 (“Commission”) and incorporated into customer rates in the 2020 GRC in
7 Docket No. 20000-578-ER-20, which includes a discussion of extraordinary
8 increases in regional power and gas market prices since the last GRC;
- 9 • Describes new and upcoming federal/state environmental compliance
10 requirements and operations changes since the 2020 GRC that substantially
11 impact NPC;
- 12 • Describes modeling changes the Company has made to improve the NPC
13 forecast accuracy since the 2020 GRC; and
- 14 • Proposes elimination of the ECAM sharing band considering the Company’s
15 pending participation in an independent system operator (“ISO”)-type
16 organized market along with updated observations on trends in western markets
17 since the last GRC.

18 III. SUMMARY OF COMPANY NPC

19 **Q. How is the NPC portion of this testimony organized?**

20 A. First, in Section III, I provide an overview of the NPC forecast for the 2024 test period.
21 This overview includes a high-level discussion of the NPC changes since the last GRC
22 followed by a more detailed discussion of the individual NPC components along with

1 narrative explanations which touch on the impacts associated with new policy and
2 operations changes.

3 Second, Section IV includes a discussion on the reasonableness of the NPC
4 forecast and Section V explores in detail the drivers of regional forward power market
5 prices and regional forward natural gas market prices which account for the majority
6 of the change in the NPC forecast since the last GRC.

7 Third, in Section VI, I discuss in detail new policy and operations changes,
8 along with the numeric impacts to the NPC forecast that each change represents.

9 Fourth, in Section VII, I discuss the transition from the Generation and
10 Regulation Initiative Decision Tools (“GRID”) model to the Aurora model for the
11 forecast of NPC, then, in Section VIII I present and discuss the improvements to
12 enhance modeling accuracy along with the numeric impacts to the NPC forecast that
13 each improvement represents.

14 Fifth, in Section IX, I present a brief discussion on Situs Programs and refer to
15 the Multi-State Process forum which is intended to resolve outstanding issues on these
16 programs. In Section X, I present a brief summary on Company coal costs and the
17 change in these costs between the last GRC and this current filing.

18 Finally, after the NPC portion of my testimony, I transition into a discussion on
19 NPC recovery in the ECAM.

20 **Q. Please explain the components of the Company’s NPC.**

21 A. NPC are defined as the sum of fuel expenses, wholesale purchase power expenses, and
22 wheeling expenses, less wholesale sales revenue. The NPC forecast approved in this

1 case becomes the base NPC used for comparison to actual NPC in a subsequent ECAM
2 filing.

3 **Q. Please explain how the Company calculates NPC.**

4 A. NPC are calculated for the forecast test period based on projected data using Aurora,
5 which simulates the operation of the Company's power system on an hourly basis. The
6 model respects all system requirements and constraints and commits and dispatches the
7 Company's resources for a cost minimizing output where demand and supply are
8 balanced.

9 **Q. What Aurora inputs were updated for this filing?**

10 A. All inputs have been updated since the 2020 GRC, including system load, reserves,
11 wholesale sales and purchase contracts for electricity, natural gas and wheeling, market
12 prices for electricity and natural gas also known as the official forward price curve
13 ("OFPC"), fuel expenses, transmission topology, and the characteristics and
14 availability of the Company's generation facilities.

15 **Q. Did PacifiCorp update the regulation reserve input for this filing?**

16 A. Yes. Consistent with past NPC forecasts, PacifiCorp has updated regulation reserves to
17 be consistent with the latest integrated resource plan ("IRP") regulation reserve study,
18 which is currently the 2021 IRP.

19 **Q. What is the date of the OFPC the Company used for its forecast NPC?**

20 A. The forecast NPC used the OFPC dated December 31, 2022.

21 **Q. What reports does the Aurora model produce?**

22 A. The major output from the Aurora model is the NPC report. This is attached to my
23 testimony as RMP Exhibit 10.1.

1 **Q. What is the amount of the proposed total-Company NPC for the test period?**

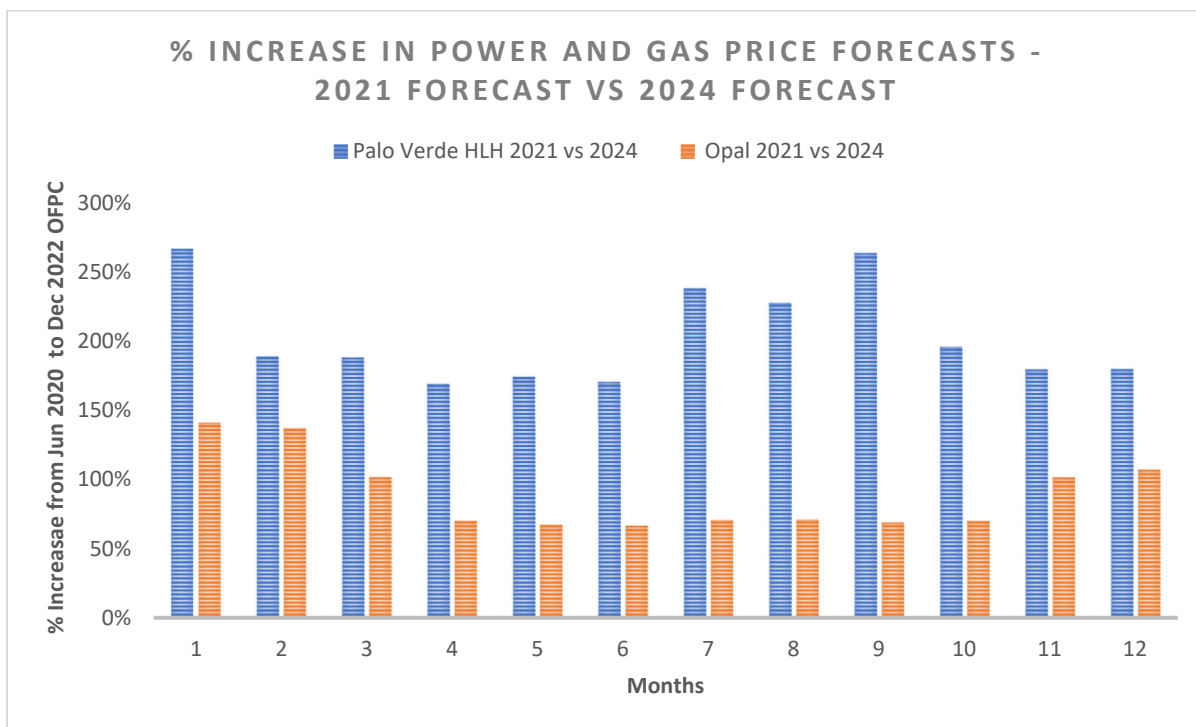
2 A. The proposed NPC for the test period are \$2.553 billion on a total-Company basis and
3 \$360.3 million on a Wyoming-allocated basis. Unless otherwise noted, references to
4 NPC or various individual cost items throughout my testimony are stated in total-
5 Company system amounts.

6 **Q. Please generally describe the changes in NPC compared to the 2020 GRC.**

7 A. The NPC forecast from the 2020 GRC used a June 30, 2020 vintage OFPC to set the
8 price expectations for a calendar year 2021 NPC forecast. Compared to calendar year
9 2024 price expectations from the December 31, 2022 vintage OFPC, average power
10 market prices at the Palo Verde power trading hub increased by 199 percent and average
11 natural gas market prices at the Opal gas trading hub increased by 89 percent as
12 illustrated at the monthly granularity in Figure 1 below. As a result of this and four
13 substantive changes to the 2024 landscape, which I discuss in more detail below, total-
14 Company NPC increased by \$1.122 billion or 78 percent, from a 2020 GRC forecast
15 of \$1.431 billion to this GRC forecast of \$2.553 billion.

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Figure 1



2 **Q. Please explain, by line item, the changes in NPC compared to the 2020 GRC.**

3 A. Illustrated below in Table 1 for costs and Table 2 for energy are the line item changes
 4 in NPC. Below, I expand on the individual line items.

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Table 1

Net Power Cost Reconciliation (\$)		
	(\$ millions)	\$/MWh
WY 2020 GRC Final Forecast	1,431	23.67
Increase/(Decrease) to NPC:		
Wholesale Sales Revenue	(256.4)	
Purchased Power Expense	788.6	
Coal Fuel Expense	45.5	
Natural Gas Fuel Expense	514.2	
Wheeling and Other Expense	<u>30.3</u>	
Total Increase to NPC	1,122.2	
WY 2023 GRC Initial Forecast	<u>2,553</u>	38.32

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Table 2

Net Power Cost Reconciliation (MWh)		
	MWh	\$/MWh
WY 2020 GRC Final Forecast	60,456,564	23.67
Change to Net System Load:		
Wholesale Sales Decrease	2,359,857	
Purchased Power Increase	6,128,563	
Coal Generation Decrease	(6,609,260)	
Natural Gas Generation Increase	5,214,487	
Other Generation Decrease	(910,496)	
Total Change to Net System Load	6,183,151	
WY 2023 GRC Initial	<u>66,639,715</u>	38.32

2 **Q. Please explain the increase in purchased power expense.**

3 A. The purchased power expense increases in tandem with power market prices coupled
4 with increased purchased power volumes due to lower coal generation to comply with
5 the Ozone Transport Rule (“OTR”) generation limits, the decrease in generation at the
6 Chehalis plant due to the Washington carbon tax, the outage for Jim Bridger units 1 and
7 2 to complete the gas conversion, increased regulation reserve requirements and
8 expectations of low hydroelectric generation. I explain these individual drivers in more
9 detail, below in my testimony.

10 **Q. Please explain the increase in coal fuel expense and the increase in natural gas fuel**
11 **expense.**

12 A. Coal generation in both Wyoming and Utah is subject to the new emissions limits in
13 the OTR, resulting in a decrease in coal generation. The remaining coal generation
14 shows increased expense due to increases in coal price expectations resulting from
15 increased domestic competition for limited coal supply. Natural gas generation

1 increases due to the gas conversion of Jim Bridger units 1 and 2 and increased dispatch
2 of other gas units to meet load and reserve obligations left behind after the decrease in
3 coal and hydroelectric generation. Natural gas fuel expense correspondingly increases
4 in tandem with natural gas market prices.

5 **Q. Please explain the increase in wholesale sales revenue and the increase in wheeling
6 and other expense.**

7 A. With decreased net generation, wholesale sales volume also decreases, however, the
8 increase in power market prices increases the total revenue of the remaining sales.
9 Wheeling expenses increase relative to the forecast in the 2020 GRC based on increases
10 in the historical wheeling expenses supporting the 2021 and 2022 actual purchased
11 power volumes.

12 IV. NPC VALIDATION

13 **Q. Is \$2.553 billion a reasonable forecast for total-Company NPC in 2024?**

14 A. Yes. There are three layers to consider when assessing the 2024 NPC forecast: 1)
15 historical actual NPC and the associated trend that is proportionate to regional power
16 market prices; 2) the extrapolation of this trend using the 2024 OFPC; and 3) four
17 upcoming, new, and substantial impacts to NPC that are not captured in the historical
18 data or trend.

19 **Q. Regarding the first layer, what does the historical actual NPC show?**

20 A. There is a clear and demonstrable relationship between actual NPC and regional power
21 market prices. First consider Table 3 below which shows, the actual 2020 NPC, the
22 2020 GRC forecast of 2021, the actual 2021 NPC and the actual 2022 NPC.

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Table 3

NPC Type	Total Company NPC (\$)
2020 Actual	1,511,314,189
2021 Forecast (2020 GRC)	1,431,235,960
2021 Actual	1,714,607,879
2022 Actual	2,040,736,242

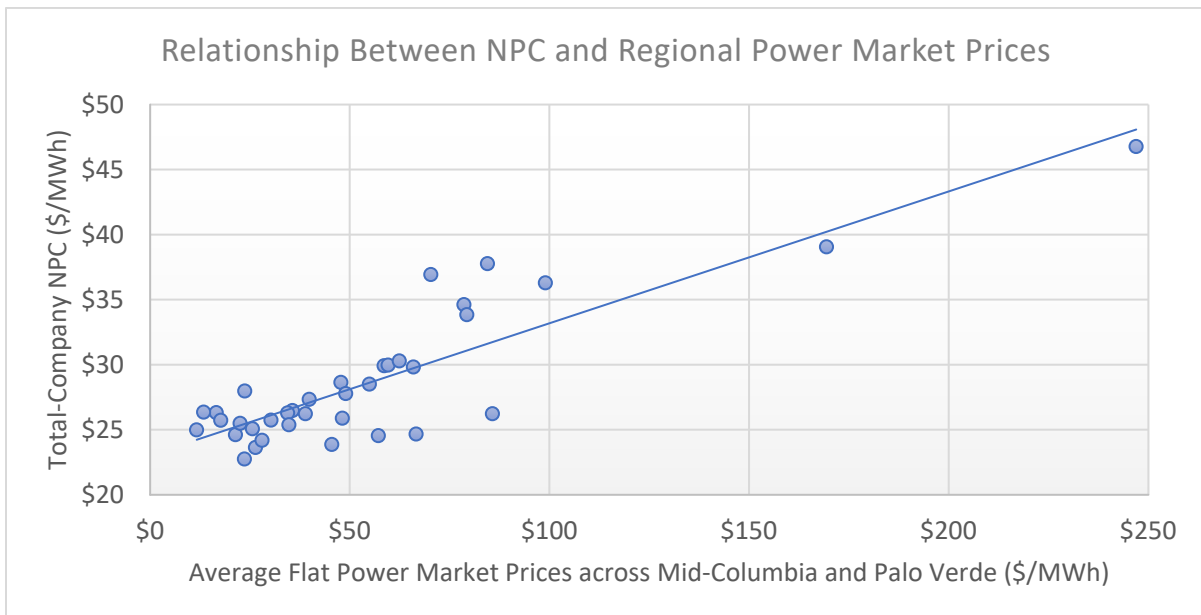
2 There are two items of note: 1) the 2020 GRC forecast of calendar year 2021 NPC at
 3 \$1.431 billion was substantially under-forecast relative to the actual calendar year 2021
 4 NPC, as explained in further detail below in the NPC Recovery section of my
 5 testimony; and 2) within the actuals, there is a clear upward trend in NPC.

6 **Q. Regarding the second layer, please elaborate on this upward trend in NPC and**
 7 **the associated extrapolation.**

8 A. Breaking actual NPC down to the monthly granularity it is observed that there is a
 9 proportionate relationship between actual NPC and regional power market prices as
 10 illustrated below in Figure 2.

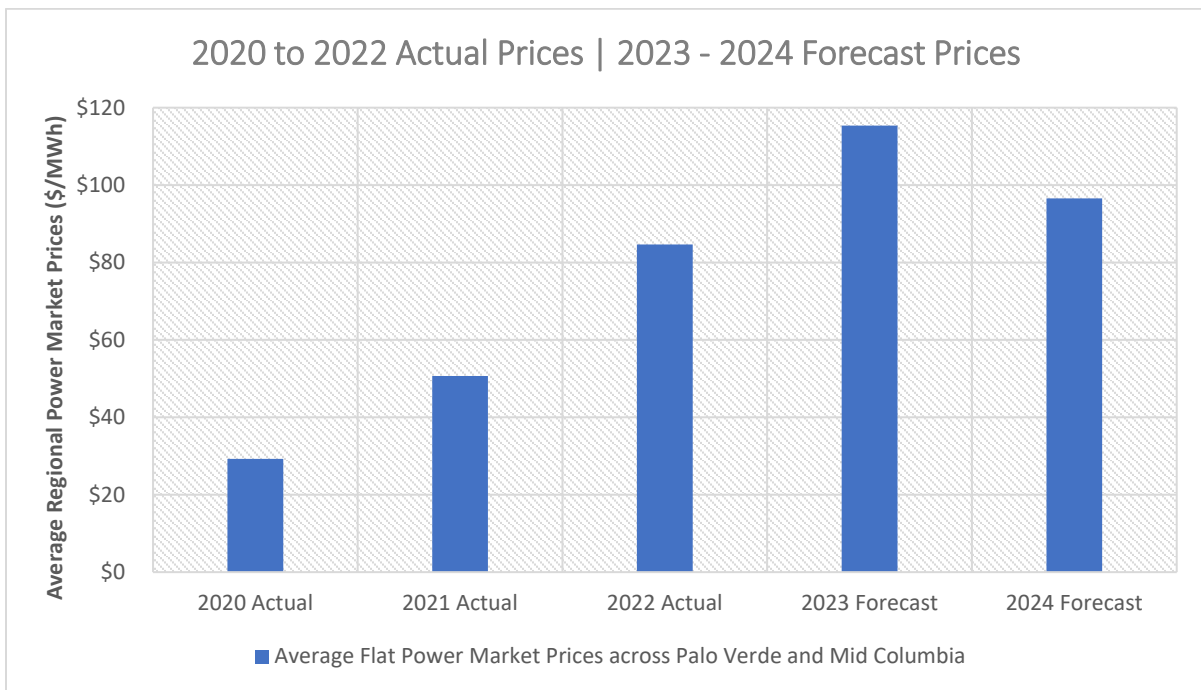
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Figure 2



1 To establish a reference baseline of what a reasonable 2024 NPC forecast (without any
 2 new operational or federal/state environmental compliance requirements) might be,
 3 consider a simple extrapolation of the above relationship between regional power
 4 market prices and NPC. This extrapolation suggests 2024 NPC of \$2.201 billion. Figure
 5 3 below illustrates year-over-year changes in actual and forecast regional power market
 6 prices that provide context for the NPC increases in Table 3 and context for the
 7 extrapolation of 2024 NPC at \$2.201 billion.

8 **Figure 3**



9 **Q. Regarding the third layer, please elaborate on some of the new and upcoming**
 10 **operational and policy changes not captured in the historical data or the trend.**

11 A. Historical NPC and the corresponding relationship with regional power market prices
 12 have not captured any of the cost impacts of four substantive changes to the 2024
 13 landscape: 1) the expansion and revision of the Environmental Protection Agency’s
 14 (“EPA”) Cross-State Air Pollution Rule on nitrogen oxides’ (“NO_x”) emissions limits

1 to encompass all generation in the states of Wyoming and Utah (also referred to as the
2 Ozone Transport Rule or OTR); 2) the new law in Washington state that taxes
3 greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions through required purchases of GHG allowances
4 (impacting the Chehalis gas-fired plant located in Washington state); 3) the conversion
5 of the Jim Bridger power plant’s units 1 and 2 from coal-fired to gas-fired units; and 4)
6 the removal of four hydroelectric projects along the Klamath River. These four changes
7 and their individual impacts to NPC are described in more detail, below in my
8 testimony. In aggregate they increase NPC by \$353 million.

9 **Q. How do these three layers demonstrate the reasonableness of the NPC forecast?**

10 A. The historical actual NPC in combination with the proportionate relationship between
11 NPC and regional power market prices suggest that, absent any changes in policy or
12 operations, \$2.201 billion is a reasonable NPC forecast for 2024. After layering on an
13 additional \$353 million to account for the aforementioned upcoming policy and
14 operational changes, which are not reflected in the historical data, a reasonable
15 benchmark for 2024 NPC becomes \$2.554 billion which is 0.015 percent above the
16 proposed \$2.553 total-Company NPC. This difference of 0.015 percent results from the
17 use of a relatively simple trend analysis as a reference for the 2024 NPC (absent policy
18 or operations changes) as compared to the more detailed simulation within Aurora.

19 V. REGIONAL MARKET PRICE INCREASES

20 **Q. Why have regional power and gas market prices increased to such extraordinary**
21 **highs?**

22 A. Regional power market prices are driven primarily by regional gas market prices which
23 are in turn driven by natural gas fuel prices. Since June 2020 (the vintage of the OFPC

1 used in the 2020 GRC), natural gas prices have seen extraordinary year-over-year
2 increases, as illustrated above in my testimony.

3 **Q. Why have natural gas fuel prices seen extraordinary increases since the June 2020**
4 **OFPC?**

5 A. The primary driver is the conflict in Ukraine which has decreased European availability
6 of natural gas, previously sourced from Russian imports. With decreased European
7 supply, the associated European demand has turned to U.S. domestic supply to fill the
8 gap and the increased competition over domestic supply has driven regional natural gas
9 fuel prices upwards with increases in domestic production yet unable to keep pace with
10 the increased demand. This increase in natural gas fuel prices correspondingly
11 increases regional gas market prices and regional power market prices, in that order.

12 **Q. What other drivers impact regional power market prices?**

13 A. Regional power market prices are lowered, on average, by increased penetration of
14 renewable resources across the western interconnection. However, renewable resource
15 construction across the nation has experienced delays relative to prior expectations.

16 **Q. Why has renewable resource construction experienced delays relative to prior**
17 **expectations?**

18 A. Global supply chain constraints have delayed production and transportation of key
19 components and equipment necessary for renewable resource construction across the
20 nation. Furthermore, increases in the prices of key renewable resource construction
21 commodities such as lithium, nickel and copper, as well as increases in labor costs and
22 interest rates, exacerbate the issue.

1 **Q. How have renewable resource construction delays impacted regional power**
2 **market prices?**

3 A. In the planning arena, at the regional level, renewable resource construction/acquisition
4 is assumed to partially offset the impact of thermal plant retirements on an energy basis.
5 In the short term, as the construction of these renewable resources are delayed, thermal
6 plant retirements continue on-schedule. The resulting energy shortfall decreases supply
7 without any associated decrease in demand (load). Consequently, this triggers an
8 incremental energy price rise across the competitive regional power markets which is
9 additive to the exacerbation caused by natural gas fuel price increases.

10 **Q. Have these global events impacted coal supply and associated coal fuel prices?**

11 A. Yes. Because of higher regional gas market prices and delays in renewable resource
12 constructions, coal generation increases, all other things equal. This increase in the
13 demand for coal pressures domestic coal supply in the short term resulting in higher
14 coal fuel prices, which in turn drive regional power market prices higher. This increase
15 in regional power market prices is additive to the increase caused by natural gas fuel
16 price increases and additive to the increase caused by delays in renewable resource
17 construction.

18 **Q. Please elaborate on further drivers of regional power market price increases.**

19 A. A long-term drought, dating back to the 2019-2020 winter, continues across parts of
20 the Pacific Northwest¹ and the consequent decrease in expected hydroelectric
21 generation diminishes the expected regional energy supply.

¹ *U.S. Drought Monitor, Released Jan. 5, 2023*, NATIONAL DROUGHT MITIGATION CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>.

1 Furthermore, calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022 have seen an increase in
2 abnormal/extreme weather events that have resulted in higher-than-expected load
3 during stressed system conditions, and this trend has set expectations amongst market
4 participants for similar conditions in 2024. Therefore, many utilities across the region
5 have revised their expectations of load profiles upwards and this limits excess supply
6 offered into the regional power markets.

7 These two weather-based drivers increase regional power market prices and
8 both are additive to the increase caused by natural gas fuel price increases, additive to
9 the increase caused by delays in renewable resource construction and additive to the
10 increase caused by increased competition for coal supply.

11 **VI. POLICY AND OPERATIONS IMPACT TO NPC**

12 **Q. What policy or operations changes are forecast to have a substantial impact on**
13 **2024 NPC?**

14 A. There are five, which are: 1) the expansion and revision of the OTR on NO_x emissions
15 limits to encompass all generation in the states of Wyoming and Utah; 2) the
16 establishment of a *de-facto* tax impacting generation at Chehalis; 3) the conversion of
17 Jim Bridger units 1 and 2 from coal-fired to gas-fired units; 4) expectations of low
18 hydroelectric generation; 5) the construction of the Gateway South transmission line (a
19 portion of the Energy Gateway transmission expansion), which relieves transmission
20 limitations on the output of coal and wind generation in Wyoming.²

² The cost impacts of the Energy Gateway transmission expansion (specifically, the Gateway West Segment D.2 transmission) are not included in the analysis that demonstrates the reasonableness of the Company's proposed NPC for the test period because they are already captured in the historical data that supports that reasonability analysis.

1 **The Ozone Transport Rule**

2 **Q. Please generally describe the OTR.**

3 A. The EPA has established annual limits on the amount of NO_x that may be emitted by
4 certain states inclusive of Wyoming and Utah. These NO_x limits apply during the ozone
5 season which spans May 1st to September 30th and applies to Utah starting in 2023 and
6 currently assumed to include Wyoming starting in 2024. The OTR is described in
7 greater detail in the testimony of Ms. Joelle R. Steward.

8 **Q. How did you implement the OTR in the NPC forecast?**

9 A. Functionally, NO_x emissions limits are no different from coal contract volumetric
10 limits, transmission capacity limits, generator capacity limits, or any of the other
11 myriad limits inherent to the Company's operations. All Company operated gas-fired
12 and coal-fired generation units in the states of Wyoming and Utah are now constrained
13 by specific NO_x emissions limits across the ozone season. These unit level NO_x
14 emissions limits are directly input into Aurora, which natively allows for this type of
15 modeling.

16 **Q. Ms. Steward describes the uncertainty around the implementation of the OTR,
17 how will you manage this uncertainty in the NPC forecast?**

18 A. The Company will update the NPC forecast pending further clarifying guidance from
19 the EPA as and when possible.

20 **Q. What is the impact to NPC of this policy?**

21 A. Assuming that both Utah and Wyoming are subject to the OTR in 2024, the impact of
22 this adjustment is an increase of \$135 million. This increase is driven by increased

1 market purchases to cover the generation reduction. Assuming that only Utah is
2 subject to the OTR in 2024, the impact of this adjustment is an increase of \$17 million.

3 **The Washington Cap and Invest Program**

4 **Q. How does the Washington Cap and Invest (“WA-GHG”) Program impact the**
5 **Company’s load service in Wyoming?**

6 A. The WA-GHG program requires that the Company purchase GHG allowances for any
7 GHG emissions output within the state of Washington for export outside the state of
8 Washington. The only source of GHG emitting energy owned by the Company in the
9 state of Washington is the Chehalis gas-fired plant. For all energy exported out of
10 Washington from the Chehalis plant, there is an associated GHG cost proportionate to
11 the energy exported. Therefore, for all energy allocated to Wyoming from the Chehalis
12 plant, there is an incremental dollar-per-megawatt-hour (“\$/MWh”) cost based on the
13 GHG allowance price for the test period.

14 **Q. What is the GHG allowance price applied to the Chehalis plant for this test**
15 **period?**

16 A. The GHG allowance price is currently estimated at \$24.75/MWh for calendar year 2024
17 based on an independent analysis commissioned by the state of Washington.³ The
18 program commences at the beginning of 2023 and the first auction will take place on
19 February 28, 2023. The NPC forecast will be updated with refreshed prices when next
20 possible.

³ WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, *Final Regulatory Analysis, Climate Commitment Act Program* at Page 129 (Sept. 2022), available at <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2202047.pdf>.

1 **Q. How is the WA-GHG program similar to other Commission approved programs?**

2 A. The WA-GHG program is a *de-facto* tax program that assesses a charge per megawatt-
3 hour (“MWh”) of energy produced from certain types of resources located in
4 Washington state. From a cost perspective, the impact of this program on the
5 Company’s service territory is identical to the impact of Wyoming’s wind tax.

6 **Q. What is the impact to NPC of this policy?**

7 A. The impact of this adjustment is an increase of \$75 million. This increase is driven by
8 increased market purchases to cover the generation reduction.

9 **Jim Bridger Power Plant’s Natural Gas Conversion – Units 1 and 2**

10 **Q. Please describe what is taking place at Jim Bridger units 1 and 2.**

11 A. Jim Bridger units 1 and 2 are proposed to be converted to gas-fired units. Currently,
12 these two units are coal-fired. The Company’s proposal to convert Jim Bridger units 1
13 and 2 was filed in a separate application on December 9, 2022 and is a pending case
14 with the Commission.⁴

15 **Q. Why are Jim Bridger units 1 and 2 being converted to gas?**

16 A. Emissions requirements imposed by the EPA required the installation of a selective
17 catalytic reduction system to reduce NO_x emissions from Jim Bridger units 1 and 2 for
18 continued coal-fired operations past December 31, 2023. Gas conversion was identified
19 as a more economically viable option in the long-term analysis of the integrated
20 resource planning process partially driven by a need for the Company to retain as much
21 upward-dispatchable capacity as possible.

⁴ See, In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Convert the Primary Fuel Source from Jim Bridger Power Plant Units 1 and 2 from Coal to Natural Gas, Docket No. 20000-628-EA-22 (Record No. 17212).

1 **Q. What is the impact to NPC of this conversion?**

2 A. There are two impacts. The first impact is the result of replacing the coal-fired units
3 with similarly sized gas-fired units, all other things equal. The impact of this adjustment
4 is an increase of \$91 million. This increase is driven by the fact that natural gas fuel is
5 substantially more expensive than coal fuel. The second impact is the result of the
6 outage period necessary to accomplish the gas conversion. With both units being on
7 outage from [REDACTED] there is a \$22 million increase to NPC.
8 This increase is driven by increased market purchases to cover the generation.

9 **Q. Why are the NPC impacts of the Jim Bridger units' gas conversion separated into**
10 **two components?**

11 A. The first impact is permanent and starts with a counterfactual in which the units are
12 instantaneously converted to gas on January 1, 2024, this counterfactual is necessary
13 due to the EPA's requirement that coal-fired operations cease on December 31, 2023.
14 The second impact is temporary (the gas conversion process is a one-off event) and
15 presents an isolated impact of the outage in 2024 which examines the effect of replacing
16 gas generation with market purchases.

17 **Hydroelectric Generation Reduction**

18 **Q. How much has hydroelectric generation decreased between the 2020 GRC and**
19 **this current filing?**

20 A. The forecast for calendar year 2024 hydroelectric generation has decreased by
21 approximately 656,000 MWh (18 percent) as compared to the calendar year 2021
22 forecast from the 2020 GRC.

1 **Q. Why has hydroelectric generation decreased by 18 percent?**

2 A. A long-term drought, dating back to the 2019-2020 winter, continues across parts of
3 the Pacific Northwest⁵ and is picked up in the normalized hydroelectric generation.
4 Additionally, the pending removal of the four Company-operated hydroelectric
5 projects⁶ along the Klamath river contributes to this decrease. These projects total
6 approximately 180 megawatts of capacity and will cease operations by the end of 2023.

7 **Q. Did the Commission approve removal of the Klamath projects?**

8 A. Yes. In Docket No. 20000-594-EA-21 (Record No. 15692), the Commission found that
9 removal was a lower cost and lower risk option than relicensing. Thus, while removal
10 creates upward pressure on NPC, it was found to be an overall prudent course of action.

11 **Q. What is the impact to NPC of these hydroelectric projects' removal?**

12 A. The impact of this adjustment is an increase of \$42 million. This increase is driven by
13 increased market purchases to cover the generation reduction.

14 **Gateway South Transmission Project**

15 **Q. What is the Gateway South Transmission Project?**

16 A. As part of the Company's Energy Gateway transmission expansion, the Company is
17 constructing a 500-kilovolt high-voltage transmission line, known as Gateway South,
18 extending from the Aeolus Substation in southeastern Wyoming into the Clover
19 Substation near Mona, Utah. The Commission approved the Company's certificate of
20 public convenience and necessity for Gateway South during public deliberations held
21 on May 10, 2022 and construction began in June 2022 as outlined in the testimony of
22 Mr. Rick A. Vail.

⁵ See *U.S. Drought Monitor*, *supra* note 1.

⁶ J.C. Boyle, Copco 1, Copco 2 and Iron Gate hydroelectric projects,

1 **Q. What are the qualitative benefits of this Gateway South transmission build?**

2 A. The Gateway South Project will meet load growth, provide increased reliability, and
3 improve operational flexibility in conjunction with future generation resources.
4 Specifically, it will allow for the release of “trapped energy” from coal and wind
5 resources in Wyoming, allowing for the deployment of additional dispatchable capacity
6 from the aforementioned coal resources.

7 **Q. What is the impact to NPC of the Gateway South transmission build?**

8 A. The line is forecast to go into service in October of 2024, resulting in a decrease of
9 \$19 million, driven by increased coal and wind generation.

10 VII. NPC AND TRANSITION BETWEEN MODELS

11 **Q. Did the Company transition to the Aurora model to calculate NPC?**

12 A. Yes. The Company has used the GRID model since it was deployed in 2008 but
13 discontinued its use for NPC filings in 2021 and transitioned to the Aurora model,
14 produced by Energy Exemplar. Aurora provides additional functionality, increases
15 usability, as well as increases compatibility with the Company’s information
16 technology.

17 To date, the Company has filed NPC forecasts using Aurora in California,
18 Oregon, and Washington. Additionally, Aurora includes certain functionality necessary
19 to perform the allocation of state-specific NPC for ratemaking purposes in the post-
20 interim period as contemplated in the 2020 PacifiCorp Inter-Jurisdictional Allocation
21 Protocol (“2020 Protocol”).⁷

⁷ See, Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of the 2020 Inter-jurisdictional Cost Allocation Agreement, Docket No. 20000-572-EA-19 (Record No. 15400).

1 **Q. Is the Company's general approach to the calculation of NPC using the GRID**
2 **model the same in this case as in previous cases?**

3 A. Yes. The general approach to the calculation of NPC is the same, but the model has
4 changed from GRID to Aurora.

5 **An Overview of the Aurora Model**

6 **Q. How does Aurora work?**

7 A. Similar to GRID and other production cost models, the objective of Aurora is to meet
8 the projected load at the lowest possible cost. This is accomplished by simulating the
9 dispatch of available resources, both supply-side and demand-side, within their
10 physical constraints, economic constraints, transmission constraints and emissions
11 constraints, as well as adhering to the profiles of the load requirements to produce a
12 cost minimizing simulation where demand and supply are balanced.

13 Like GRID, these simulations use input information such as system load,
14 reserves, wholesale sales and purchase contracts for electricity, natural gas and
15 wheeling, market prices for electricity and natural gas, fuel expenses, transmission
16 topology, and the characteristics and availability of the Company's supply-side and
17 demand-side facilities.

18 **Q. How does Aurora compare to GRID?**

19 A. The model logic is conceptually the same between Aurora and GRID; both models aim
20 to minimize costs to serve obligations, under various constraints. While the categories
21 of inputs are mostly the same between the two models, Aurora has more parameters to
22 model resources and offers more flexibility to model more types of resources.

1 **Q. What are some of the modeling improvements gained by moving to Aurora?**

2 A. Aurora co-optimizes (as opposed to sequentially optimizing) energy and ancillary
3 service requirements, allowing the model to create precise (precise in this context is
4 different from accurate as elaborated on below in the NPC Recovery section of my
5 testimony) NPC forecasts that simultaneously satisfies all load and reserve obligations
6 while appropriately reflecting the forecasted costs. In addition, Aurora can receive
7 more than one incremental price for the purpose of forecasting dispatch of coal-fired
8 resources and can recognize and optimize around volumetric constraints in each price
9 tier (minimum take volumes, volume limits, etc.). Furthermore, Aurora allows for the
10 modeling of emissions constraints and associated emissions rates and emissions prices,
11 allowing the Company to integrate compliance with various federal and state
12 environmental compliance requirements within the model.

13 **Q. What is the process by which the Company validated the use of Aurora as**
14 **compared to GRID?**

15 A. Both GRID and Aurora are production cost optimization models that use mathematical
16 optimization techniques with similar inputs that attempt to satisfy the Company's load
17 and reserve obligations at minimum cost. Aurora has more features and flexibility, but
18 both models are based on the same underlying economic principles. The validation
19 process started with the understanding that the results from the two models will be
20 different. Based on that understanding, the process included steps such as: 1) verify if
21 the outputs of non-dispatchable resources match the inputs, and the outputs match
22 between Aurora and GRID; 2) refine input parameters in Aurora that are either not
23 available in GRID or have a different impact on optimization; and 3) research the

1 reasons why the same dispatchable resources with generally the same inputs produce
2 different results from Aurora and GRID. And, finally, the total NPC from the two
3 models are compared and reviewed for reasonableness which includes ensuring that the
4 deviation in the total NPC is within a reasonable range.

5 **Q. Why would the same resources produce different results from Aurora and GRID**
6 **when they have the same inputs?**

7 A. The inputs in the two models are not the same because Aurora allows for more
8 modeling parameters and more levels of granularity. Additionally, Aurora co-optimizes
9 energy and ancillary service requirements by using an advanced mixed integer
10 program, whereas GRID sequentially optimizes one requirement then the other.
11 Furthermore, Aurora uses its mixed integer program for commitment
12 (startup/shutdown) decisions whereas GRID applies relatively basic static optimization
13 techniques. Differences in the optimization techniques lead to different unit
14 commitments and different unit dispatches based on the prevailing economics.

15 **Q. Can you provide the results of the Company's validation process?**

16 A. Yes. Please refer to RMP Exhibit 10.2 and RMP Exhibit 10.3, which contain the Aurora
17 and GRID NPC test reports that the Company used to validate the Aurora model. The
18 test reports show that there was less than 0.8 percent variation between the NPC
19 calculated with GRID as compared to Aurora.

20 **Q. While the overall variation was low, there may have been greater variation in**
21 **individual resources when comparing the two test reports. Can you comment?**

22 A. Yes. As I discussed above, there are differences between Aurora and GRID with regards
23 to optimization techniques. In addition, each model contemplates different levels of

1 granularity of inputs. Those two in combination will result in different dispatch of
2 resources, and different balancing transactions. Therefore, the validation process
3 compared the overall outcome of the NPC test report.

4 **Q. Would running GRID with the inputs used for this rate case provide additional**
5 **useful information regarding the validation of the Aurora model?**

6 A. No. As described above, the ability of each model to accept different inputs and the
7 internal optimization techniques differ between the models even though the underlying
8 principles are similar. Furthermore, there are inputs in Aurora that are not capable of
9 being accepted by GRID (example, emissions constraints and tiered price/volume coal
10 contracts). There is no reasonable expectation that the model results would be the same
11 or would provide additional insight, making the proposed comparison a futile exercise.
12 Additionally, the Company has already benchmarked Aurora against the GRID model
13 and found that the overall NPC results exhibited a tolerable variance between the two
14 models when limiting the inputs to those capable of being simultaneously accepted by
15 both models.

16 **Inputs and Adjustments in Aurora**

17 **Q. How are inputs treated differently between the two models?**

18 A. Aurora incorporates many of the same inputs that GRID formerly considered in its
19 optimization. Consequently, many of the same workpapers are still in use, but those
20 inputs flow through Aurora input workbooks to be formatted for acceptance by the
21 newer model. For inputs that are quite distinct from their GRID equivalents (coal
22 prices, for example), entirely new modeling approaches were employed to take
23 advantage of the additional flexibility offered by Aurora. There are also inputs that are

1 the same but require slightly modified calculations to account for the treatment given
2 to those inputs in Aurora (unit minimum operating levels and thermal outage rates, for
3 example).

4 **Q. How is the output from Aurora incorporated into Wyoming-allocated NPC?**

5 A. The Aurora model results are used to create a total-Company NPC forecast and the
6 total-Company NPC report is similar to the report that has been used in the past. Those
7 results are then allocated according to the 2020 Protocol to arrive at a Wyoming-
8 allocated NPC forecast.

9 **Q. Please describe any other significant modeling differences between GRID and**
10 **Aurora?**

11 A. As mentioned above, Aurora accounts for unit minimum operating levels (“unit
12 minimums”) and equivalent outage rates (“EOR”) differently, and both required
13 formulaic updates because of differences in the modeling of unit availabilities. Aurora
14 scales both the unit maximum capacity and the unit minimum in response to a derate
15 because Aurora requires unit minimums to be expressed as a percentage of unit
16 maximum capacity. In GRID, unit minimums were required to be expressed in absolute
17 megawatt amounts. Prior to settling upon a revised approach to the calculation of these
18 inputs, the Company observed many hours where the generation forecast showed
19 output below a unit’s minimum. A relatively straightforward solution was adopted by
20 the Company that only required the calculation and input of an hourly unit minimum
21 percentage (percentage of unit capacity) timeseries to account for derates. To avoid the
22 possibility of infeasible operations, another modification was made to the EOR to
23 remove units from service (that is, the EOR was set to 100 percent) whenever the

1 available capacity slipped below the unit minimum. In addition, Aurora can receive
2 more than one incremental price for the purpose of forecasting dispatch of coal-fired
3 resources and can recognize and optimize around volumetric constraints in each price
4 tier (minimum take volumes, volume limits, etc.). That modeling improvement allows
5 the Company to more easily arrive at a forecast of coal unit dispatch that is subject to
6 volumetric constraints and tiered pricing across a range of consumption levels.

7 **Q. Is the Day-Ahead/Real-Time (“DA/RT”) Adjustment needed in Aurora?**

8 A. Yes. The DA/RT adjustment is used to better reflect system balancing costs that are not
9 fully captured in the Aurora model. This adjustment indicates a deviation of actual
10 market prices available to the Company in real operations from the historical monthly
11 trading-hub-indexed market prices. The DA/RT adjustment is the result of multiple
12 variables within a dynamic system in which the Company has historically bought more
13 during higher-than-average price periods and sold more during lower-than-average
14 price periods.

15 To better reflect the market prices available to the Company when it transacts
16 in the real-time market, the Company includes separate prices for forecast system
17 balancing sales and purchases in Aurora. These prices account for the historical price
18 differences between the Company’s purchases and sales compared to the monthly
19 average market-indexed prices.

20 Additionally, like GRID, the volume of system balancing transactions
21 generated by Aurora is smaller than the volume of similar transactions in actual results.
22 Because Aurora balances the Company’s load and resources to fractions of a megawatt
23 for each hour in a single step, it avoids the additional purchase and sale transactions

1 that occur in actual operations as the Company progresses through balancing its system
2 on a quarterly, monthly, daily, and real-time system basis.

3 For instance, when the Company buys a monthly product that aligns with the
4 Company's average open position for the month, one can expect that approximately
5 half of the days will still have a remaining position to be covered by additional daily
6 purchases. On the other days, the Company will have to make daily sales to unwind the
7 excess volume. The same is true for daily transactions—in some hours the volume
8 acquired will be too low, while in others it will be too high, and additional purchases
9 and sales will be required to cover the Company's actual position in real-time.

10 Finally, buying or selling standard block products for monthly and daily average
11 requirements will not result in a perfect balance of load and resources. This difference
12 then must be closed out in the real-time market where the Company is a price-taker.

13 **VIII. MODELING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NPC FORECAST**

14 **Q. Why are modeling improvements necessary?**

15 A. Modeling improvements align the NPC forecast with operational realities and make
16 best efforts to hold true to the ECAM sharing band incentive for modeling accuracy,
17 particularly in the current environment of recent NPC under-forecasts as explained in
18 further detail below in the NPC Recovery section of my testimony.

19 **Q. What modeling improvements have been implemented since the 2020 GRC?**

20 A. The Company has incorporated the following improvements since the last rate case:

- 21 • The DA/RT market price adder will be changed from a flat value to a
22 percentage.

- 1 • Trapped energy will be appropriately substituted for curtailment of generation
2 to reflect actual operations.
- 3 • The maximum capacity of certain thermal generation units will be updated to
4 reflect ambient temperature derates to unit capacity during the summer months.

5 **DA/RT Adjustment - Price Component**

6 **Q. Please explain how the price component of the DA/RT adjustment operates.**

7 A. The price adder component of the DA/RT adjustment addresses the costs incurred by
8 the Company as a result of multiple variables within a dynamic system in which the
9 Company has historically bought more during higher-than-average price periods and
10 sold more during lower-than-average price periods.

11 To better reflect the market prices available to the Company when it transacts
12 in the real-time market, the Company includes separate prices for forecast system
13 balancing sales and purchases in Aurora. These prices account for the historical price
14 differences between the Company's purchases and sales compared to the trading-hub-
15 indexed market prices. Previously these prices were calculated by adding or subtracting
16 a flat dollar amount to the hourly scaled prices from the OFPC.

17 **Q. Please explain how changing the DA/RT adjustment price component from a flat
18 value to a percentage of market price results in a DA/RT adjustment that is more
19 reflective of actual operations.**

20 A. Changing the price calculation to a percentage of the market prices aids in accounting
21 for the volatility caused by prices and system conditions not captured in day-ahead
22 transactions. Take, for example, a \$5 price adder in an hour when the market price is
23 \$25. This resolves to a 20 percent price adder. But using the \$5 price adder when market

1 prices are \$75 would fail to account for the system and market conditions during that
2 hour. Using a 20 percent price adder during hours when market price is \$75 would yield
3 in a \$15 price adder which is more reflective of the system conditions. A key benefit
4 of using a percentage adder is that it allows the modeling to capture intra-month
5 variability. Consequently, this is a more accurate representation of real operating
6 conditions experienced by the Company.

7 **Q. Please quantify the impact of this adjustment.**

8 A. The impact of this adjustment is an increase of \$11 million to NPC. The primary driver
9 for this change is the captured effect of intra-month market volatility on market
10 transactions.

11 **Trapped Energy**

12 **Q. Please explain the Company's trapped energy concept.**

13 A. Primarily, trapped energy is a modeling concept only and does not exist in actual
14 operations. It represents any excess generation that cannot be used to serve load due to
15 transmission constraints or system-level oversupply. Because of limited transmission
16 and the need for supply and demand to always be balanced, the trapped energy is
17 captured within a modeled trapped energy zone and serves "pseudo load" that is
18 regulated by a "pseudo generator" with an infinite ramp rate ("pseudo" - i.e., the load
19 and generation in the trapped energy zone are also modeling constructs that do not exist
20 in actual operations).

21 **Q. Why was the trapped energy modeling concept necessary in GRID?**

22 A. Conceptually, the trapped energy zones allow for a feasible model solution in the event
23 of an inability to maintain the supply/demand balance when there is excess supply

1 However, the primary function of trapped energy zones in prior GRID NPC simulations
2 was to allow for Company-owned production tax credit (“PTC”) eligible wind to be
3 modeled with a reasonable degree of accuracy. Due to an inability in GRID to model
4 resources with a negative dispatch price (representative of PTCs, in the case of wind),
5 these wind resources could not provide the proper price signal to the model and
6 therefore could not be accurately represented within GRID’s resource stack. As a work-
7 around, the wind resources were simulated as must run resources and all excess wind
8 generation within a transmission constrained area was funneled into a trapped energy
9 zone.

10 **Q. How was energy in the trapped energy zone valued?**

11 A. In the past, the Company valued trapped energy at 75 percent of market prices, which
12 led to overstated sales revenue. Since this trapped energy concept does not exist in
13 actual operations, the value of trapped energy should be zero.

14 **Q. How does Aurora eliminate the need for trapped energy zones?**

15 A. Aurora allows for wind curtailment while recognizing the PTC benefits that produce
16 an implied negative dispatch cost. By placing the wind resources at the bottom of the
17 resource stack and allowing the model to dispatch the wind resources downwards when
18 there is more energy from the wind resources than there is transmission to move the
19 energy to load, or when the ramp capability of dispatchable resources are unable to
20 follow the hour-to-hour ramps in wind generation, the NPC simulation dispatches
21 (curtails) the wind downwards and appropriately reflects how wind resources are
22 actually operated and actually dispatched downwards in actual operations.

1 **Q. Please quantify the impact of allowing wind to be curtailed in similar fashion as**
2 **actual operations.**

3 A. The impact of allowing for realistic wind curtailment is an increase of \$49 million
4 driven by: 1) a reduction in pseudo-wholesale sales revenue earned from the sales of
5 energy derived from a modeling construct that does not exist in actual operations; and
6 2) incremental wind curtailments to maintain the supply/demand balance within a
7 transmission congested region when considering that any sharp hour-to-hour ramps in
8 wind generation are unable to be completely balanced by relatively slow ramping coal
9 units present in the region.

10 **Q. Please quantify the impact of valuing the trapped energy zone at zero percent of**
11 **market prices after allowing for wind curtailments.**

12 A. The impact to NPC is \$0 since after allowing for appropriate wind curtailment the
13 trapped energy modeling construct has been removed. That is to say, there are no more
14 trapped energy zones modeled in this filing.

15 **Thermal Attributes**

16 **Q. What updates did the Company make to the characteristics of some of its thermal**
17 **resources?**

18 A. Thermal plant capacities have been previously calculated as the average of historical
19 capacity over general summer and winter periods. For some thermal plants,
20 performance decreases as the ambient temperature increases. As temperatures are
21 historically hotter during the summer months of June through September, the
22 generation output from these thermal plants decreases during those months. To account

1 for this operational constraint, the Company updated the maximum capacities at certain
2 plants during each summer month from June through September.

3 **Q. Please explain how this adjustment results in more accurate forecast NPC.**

4 A. Because maximum capacities of some thermal plants are reduced as a result of
5 increased temperatures in the summer, not adjusting the capacity during the summer
6 months based on these conditions would result in Aurora overstating plant capacity and
7 generation output, which would consequently understate the need to dispatch higher
8 cost units or increase purchases to serve load during the summer months. Reducing
9 generation capacity during summer based on average summer temperatures is reflective
10 of actual ambient-temperature constraints.

11 **Q. Please quantify the impact of this adjustment.**

12 A. The impact of this adjustment is an increase of \$18 million. This increase is driven by
13 increased market purchases.

14 **IX. SITUS PROGRAMS**

15 **Q. What are Situs Programs?**

16 A. Situs Programs are programs under which resources are acquired by the Company in
17 response to state or customer specific initiatives or requirements.

18 **Q. How are these programs and associated resources relevant to this filing?**

19 A. The after-the-fact cost adjustments made to these programs within the ECAM were
20 non-precedentially settled under an agreement that these adjustments will be addressed
21 in a future GRC or through the Multi-State Process (“MSP”).⁸

⁸ *In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Increase Current Rates by \$27.8 million to recover deferred net power costs under Tariff Schedule 95 Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism*, Docket No. 20000-617-EM-22 (Record. No. 17037), Memorandum Opinion, Findings, and Order Approving Stipulation at Appendix A, ¶2 (Feb. 15, 2023).

1 **Q. How are these adjustments being addressed?**

2 A. As contemplated in the settlement agreement, discussions on these after-the-fact
3 adjustments are underway in the MSP.

4 **Q. How are these Situs Programs reflected in the NPC forecast?**

5 A. Situs resources are not included in the modeling of forecast NPC except for certain
6 Utah Schedule 34 resources which are accompanied by new load.

7 **X. SUMMARY OF COMPANY COAL COSTS**

8 **Q. How does the Company plan to meet fuel supplies for its coal-fired plants in 2024?**

9 A. The Company employs a diversified coal supply strategy, with ■ percent of its 2024
10 coal requirements supplied by third-party coal supplies and ■ percent with coal from
11 its captive affiliate mines. The third-party contracts consist of fixed-price and variable-
12 priced contracts. Coal amounts in my testimony are shown on a total-Company basis.

13 **Q. Please generally describe the coal supply arrangements across the Company's**
14 **coal-fired plants for 2024.**

15 A. The following Confidential Table 4 summarizes the coal supply arrangements and costs
16 for 2024 in comparison to the 2020 GRC:

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[REDACTED]

1 **Q. Please describe the changes in the Company's coal costs for 2024.**

2 A. As discussed earlier in my testimony, increased regional natural gas fuel prices, the
3 corresponding increase in *regional* coal generation observed now, and the associated
4 increased competition for regional coal supply has contributed to an increase in coal
5 fuel prices. In addition, higher than average inflation has impacted many of the coal
6 supply agreements that are subject to market-based price adjustments. Due to these and
7 other factors, coal costs for 2024 have increased to \$632 million. This represents an
8 increase of \$46 million or 8 percent relative to the 2020 GRC.

9 **XI. NPC RECOVERY**

10 **Q. What is the purpose of this section of your testimony?**

11 A. In this section of my testimony, I explain the Company's proposal to eliminate the
12 ECAM sharing band.

13 **Q. How is this section organized?**

14 A. First, I provide an overview of the current ECAM with a focus on the sharing band and
15 present the Company's proposal to eliminate the sharing band considering
16 developments since the last 2020 GRC, including the Company's upcoming
17 participation in the Extended Day Ahead Market ("EDAM") and the challenges of
18 accurately forecasting NPC.

19 Second, I explain what the EDAM is and discuss how the Company's
20 participation in the EDAM, an ISO-type organized market, warrants the elimination of
21 the ECAM sharing band. Specifically, I present the benefits of the EDAM and discuss
22 how the cost control objective of the ECAM sharing band is simultaneously achieved
23 and no longer relevant as a direct consequence of EDAM participation.

1 Third, I address how the evolving energy industry’s landscape makes it near
2 impossible to model forecasted NPC accurately. The drivers of this diminished model
3 accuracy are shown to be ongoing and recent increases in region-wide adoption of
4 weather dependent generation and the associated impacts to the prices observed in the
5 regional forward power markets. Additional discussion on the asymmetry in the region-
6 wide supply stack that results from weather dependent generation provides further
7 support for continued expectations of diminished model accuracy.

8 Fourth, in support of the conclusions I reach regarding modeling accuracy, I
9 demonstrate how the accuracy of the regional forward market prices that support the
10 NPC forecast model has deteriorated over time since the 2020 GRC. I explain that NPC
11 variances can be negative or positive and the associated degradation in modeling
12 accuracy can result in either substantial over-recovery or substantial under-recovery.

13 Finally, I discuss how the as-designed objectives of the ECAM sharing band are
14 either being achieved absent the sharing band or unachievable with or without the
15 sharing band.

16 **Overview of the ECAM and the Company’s ECAM Proposal**

17 **Q. Please describe Wyoming’s ECAM.**

18 A. The ECAM is a rate making mechanism, filed on an annual basis, through which the
19 Company returns to or recovers from customers the difference between Wyoming-
20 allocated actual NPC that occur during the prior calendar year and the base (forecast)
21 NPC that are approved by the Commission in a general rate case. The ECAM also
22 includes return or recovery of certain other non-NPC items that were approved by the

1 Commission as further outlined in tariff Schedule 95.⁹ The variance (positive or
2 negative) between actual NPC and the forecast NPC embedded in rates are subject to a
3 sharing band.

4 **Q. Please explain the sharing band.**

5 A. A majority of the ECAM items are subject to a symmetrical sharing band where the
6 Company returns to or recovers from customers 80 percent of the difference between
7 actual and forecast ECAM costs, and the remaining 20 percent of the difference is
8 retained or absorbed by the Company (“80/20 sharing band”). However, in the 2020
9 GRC the Commission approved including PTCs in the ECAM that are not subject to
10 the sharing band and are returned to customers at 100 percent of their value.¹⁰

11 In the 2022 ECAM,¹¹ actual NPC accounted for 98 percent of all actual costs
12 subject to the sharing band and consequently serves as the focus of this discussion.

13 **Q. What change is the Company proposing to the ECAM?**

14 A. The Company proposes to eliminate the ECAM 80/20 sharing band to allow for
15 100 percent return to or recovery from customers for the mechanism’s revenues or
16 costs.

⁹ See PSC No. 17, Rocky Mountain Power Schedule 95, Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism, available at https://www.rockymountainpower.net/content/dam/pcorp/documents/en/rockymountainpower/rates-regulation/wyoming/rates/095_Energy_Cost_Adjustment_Mechanism.pdf; See also, Docket No. 20000-469-ER-15 (Record No. 14076). Memorandum Opinion, Findings of Fact, Decision and Order (Dec. 30, 2015). The Commission approved the inclusion of chemical costs and coal generation start-up fuel costs since they are closely related to NPC.

¹⁰ See, Docket No. 20000-578-ER-20 (Record No. 15464), Memorandum Opinion, Findings and Order (July 15, 2021). The Commission approved a change to the sharing band and the inclusion of production tax credits that are not subject to the sharing band.

¹¹ For Calendar Year 2021, Docket No. 20000-617-EM-22 (Record No. 17037).

1 **Q. What was the purpose of the ECAM sharing band?**

2 A. When the ECAM was implemented in 2010, the Commission concluded that the
3 “ECAM should be structured to provide incentives to the Company for four purposes:
4 [i] to use the existing forecasting mechanisms; [ii] to encourage the accuracy of
5 modeling supporting the forecasts; [iii] to avoid creating commercial disadvantage to
6 roughly 70 percent of RMP’s load in Wyoming, which would ultimately be detrimental
7 to all Wyoming customers; and [iv] to encourage the Company to use its best efforts to
8 control costs.”¹² To accomplish these objectives, the ECAM was structured with a
9 sharing band.

10 **Q. When did the Commission last adjust the ECAM sharing band?**

11 A. The Commission last adjusted the ECAM sharing band in the 2020 GRC¹³ moving it
12 from 70/30 to 80/20.

13 **Q. What changes have taken place since the 2020 GRC to support eliminating the
14 sharing band?**

15 A. Since the 2020 GRC there have been two major changes: The first change is that in
16 December 2022, the Company announced its intention to join the EDAM,¹⁴ which will
17 create efficiencies that reduce NPC. As explained in more detail below, once the EDAM
18 is operational in 2025 the Company will no longer control the economic dispatch of its
19 resources, which means a majority of NPC will no longer be under the Company’s
20 direct control.

¹² See Docket No. 20000-368-EA-10 (Record No. 12477), Memorandum Opinion, Findings and Order (Feb. 4, 2011).

¹³ See Docket No. 20000-578-ER-20 (Record No. 15464), Memorandum Opinion, Findings and Order (July 15, 2021).

¹⁴ *PacifiCorp to build on success of real-time energy market innovation as first to sign on to new Western day-ahead market* (Dec. 8, 2022), News Release, available at <https://www.pacificorp.com/about/newsroom/news-releases/EDAM-innovative-efforts.html>.

1 Second, the accuracy of modeling underlying the NPC forecasts continues to
2 exhibit a substantive trend of deterioration despite the ECAM intended incentive to
3 encourage the accuracy of modeling. This deterioration results from an increase in the
4 inaccuracy of regional forward market price expectations.

5 **The Extended Day Ahead Market**

6 **Q. What is the EDAM?**

7 A. The EDAM is an initiative by the California Independent System Operator (“CAISO”)
8 to extend participation of a developed organized day-ahead, hour-ahead and intra-hour
9 market to the region. The EDAM will provide economically optimal and least-cost,
10 resource schedules, startup/shutdown instructions, and other core functions integral to
11 organized markets across the footprints of ISOs and regional transmission
12 organizations.

13 **Q. What are the benefits to customers of EDAM Participation?**

14 A. Customers will see lower actual NPC resulting from EDAM participation with
15 preliminary analysis suggesting that annual NPC across the EDAM footprint may
16 decrease by approximately \$543 million.¹⁵ Through the EDAM, the Company’s
17 generation units will be optimally scheduled and dispatched using the CAISO’s state
18 of the art unit commitment and economic dispatch models. Additionally, the EDAM’s
19 automated, expanded footprint and optimized dispatch will replace the Company’s
20 isolated dispatch within its two balancing authority areas. Participation in the EDAM
21 will benefit customers by reducing NPC through more efficient and economic dispatch,
22 inter-regional transfers (i.e., exports and imports between EDAM participants), GHG

¹⁵ CAISO EDAM Benefits Study, CALIFORNIA ISO (Nov. 4, 2022), *available at*
<http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Presentation-CAISO-Extended-Day-Ahead-Market-Benefits-Study.pdf>.

1 revenue, and reduced reserve requirements, with relatively low ongoing operation
2 costs, very similar to the benefits of the Energy Imbalance Market (“EIM”) but larger
3 in scope.

4 **Q. How is the EDAM related to the EIM?**

5 A. Whereas the EIM is the extension of an organized, intra-hour market to the region by
6 the CAISO, the EDAM is similar in concept but larger in scope and applies to the day-
7 ahead, hour-ahead and intra-hour timeframes (i.e., EIM participation is required for
8 EDAM participation and therefore the EDAM replaces the EIM). The combination of
9 the EDAM and the EIM create a complete organized market.

10 **Q. How, specifically, is the EDAM larger in scope than the EIM?**

11 A. The EIM is an intra-hour market that dispatches a portion of the Company’s total
12 generation and executes market transactions to maintain intra-hour supply-demand
13 balance.

14 The EDAM is a day-ahead, hour-ahead and intra-hour market (a complete
15 organized market) that will dispatch the entirety of the Company’s total generation on
16 a day-ahead basis, and again on an hour-ahead basis, and again intra-hour, while
17 executing market transactions to maintain supply-demand balance across all three
18 timeframes (day-ahead, hour-ahead and intra-hour).

19 **Q. How have customers benefited from the EIM since the Company’s participation
20 in 2014?**

21 A. Since the inception of the EIM, the Company’s customers have enjoyed savings of and
22 reduction to NPC of \$591 million.¹⁶ Initial estimates show that participation in the

¹⁶ *Western Energy Imbalance Market Benefits as of 1/1/2023*, CALIFORNIA ISO, available at <https://www.westerneim.com/Pages/About/QuarterlyBenefits.aspx>.

1 EDAM will provide even greater benefits. However, participating in the EDAM also
2 allows an ISO to economically control and optimize a larger portion of the system.

3 **Q. How does operation in the EIM currently affect the Company's economic control**
4 **of NPC?**

5 A. Without consideration of hedging transactions or long-term power/fuel contracts,
6 through participation in the EIM, the Company still retains economic control over a
7 majority of NPC. Although the EIM provides more economically efficient intra-hour
8 dispatch, only a portion of the Company's total generation output and market
9 transactions are optimized by the EIM. This is because intra-hour dispatch responds
10 only to intra-hour changes in the net load (load less wind less solar) profile and these
11 intra-hour changes in the net load profile are only an increment to the day-ahead and
12 hour-ahead timeframes which, absent the EDAM, are economically controlled and
13 optimized by the Company.

14 **Q. Once the EDAM is operational, how will EDAM operation affect the Company's**
15 **economic control over NPC?**

16 A. The EDAM will economically control and optimize most of the day-ahead, hour-ahead
17 and intra-hour Company generation and market transactions. This is a majority of NPC
18 (without consideration of hedging transactions or long-term power/fuel contracts)
19 because transactions before the day-ahead timeframe are mostly hedging transactions
20 along with resource sufficiency transactions¹⁷ and reliability-related activities.¹⁸

¹⁷ Bilateral transactions required to demonstrate resource adequacy in the day-ahead timeframe.

¹⁸ An example would be responding to unplanned outages/derates and scheduling planned outages/derates.

1 **Q. Why are hedges or long-term contracts not considered in assessing the scope of**
2 **the EDAM?**

3 A. Hedging transactions and associated costs are designed to limit the risks and variability
4 associated with market exposure and provide rate stability; they are not economic
5 optimization transactions. Long-term contracts are typically either qualifying facilities
6 and their associated generation (which the Company must purchase), purchased power
7 agreements (which are few in number and easily accessible for prudence review), or
8 coal supply agreements (which are tabulated above in my testimony).

9 **Q. Given the Company's decision to participate in the EDAM, what does this mean**
10 **for the Company's ability and incentivization to lower NPC?**

11 A. As a result of the decision to participate in the EDAM, the economic operations of the
12 Company's system on a day-ahead, hour-ahead and intra-hour basis will be managed
13 by an ISO whose mandate is to leverage state of the art optimization software to
14 minimize power costs for all market participants. Under this paradigm, the majority of
15 the Company's NPC will be driven as low as the EDAM can achieve and,
16 simultaneously, out of the Company's control.

17 **Q. One of the Commission's stated objectives for the ECAM is to encourage the**
18 **Company to use its best efforts to control costs. With participation in the EDAM,**
19 **do you believe the Company would meet this objective without the sharing band?**

20 A. Yes. When the Commission rendered its decision in the original ECAM and established
21 a sharing band, the Company did not participate in an ISO-type organized market. With
22 participation in the EDAM, the majority of NPC will no longer be under the Company's
23 direct economic control but will instead be optimized by the ISO using state of the art

1 optimization software to minimize NPC. Accordingly, the Company will control costs
2 by participating in the EDAM, not by minimizing costs through the day-ahead, hour-
3 ahead, and intra-hour transactions that the Company controlled when the ECAM was
4 created. In other words, when the economic control of NPC is simultaneously taken out
5 of the Company's hands and guaranteed, by an independent third-party, to be as low as
6 modern optimization techniques can achieve, there are very few cost controls left for
7 the ECAM sharing band to incentivize.

8 **Q. What are the implications to cost recovery from participation in a complete**
9 **organized market?**

10 A. In and of itself, participation in a complete organized market, overseen by an
11 independent third-party operator and monitored for efficiency by an independent
12 market monitoring agency, merits 100 percent recovery of NPC because the market
13 structure itself guarantees lower actual NPC through independent, automated, least-
14 cost commitment and dispatch of the Company's system in the day-ahead, hour ahead
15 and intra-hour timeframes.

16 Supplemental and concurrent to this fact, is the ever-growing difficulty of the
17 Company to accurately forecast NPC based on shifting regional dynamics as discussed
18 in the following sub-section.

19 **Modeling Accuracy**

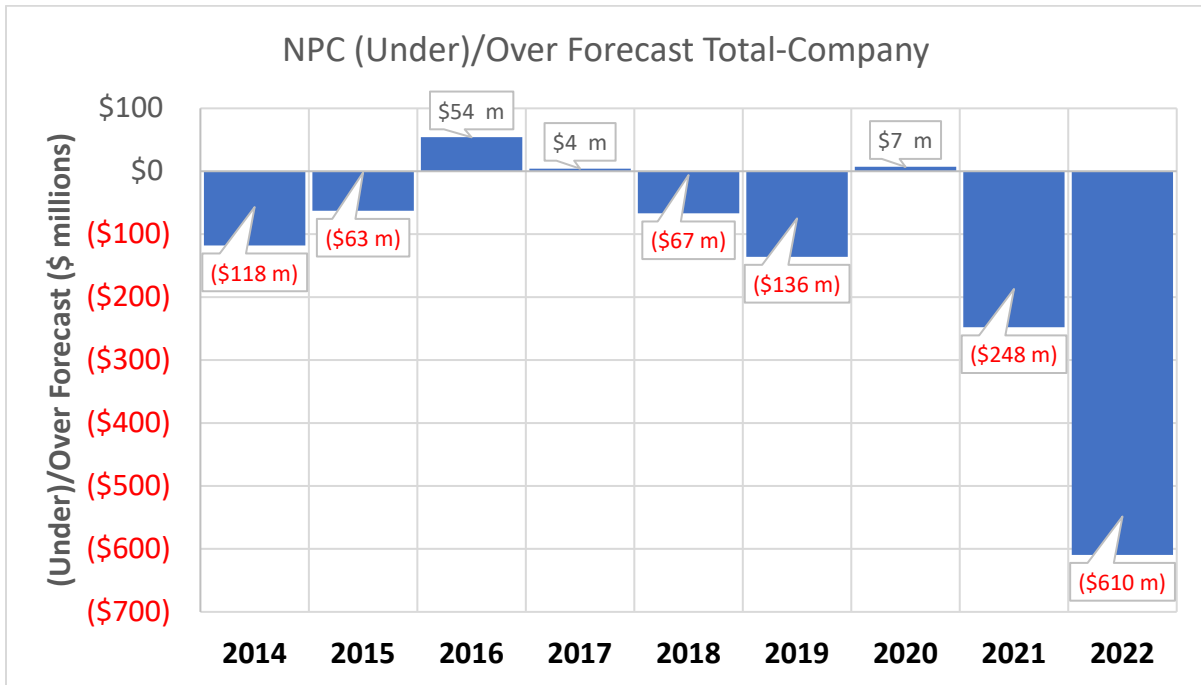
20 **Q. How has the Company's forecast NPC compared to actual NPC in recent years?**

21 A. Figure 4¹⁹ below is a comparison of forecast (base) Wyoming NPC to actual NPC at
22 the total-Company level and demonstrates that there has been substantial exacerbation

¹⁹ The 2022 variance is a comparison between unadjusted (as opposed to adjusted) actual NPC and base NPC. All other variances are total-Company variances from direct ECAM filings.

1 of NPC variance in recent years. Negative numbers in Figure 4 indicate that actual NPC
 2 were greater than forecast NPC.

3 **Figure 4**



4 **Q. One of the Commission’s stated objectives for the ECAM is to encourage the**
 5 **accuracy of modeling supporting the forecasts. Why has the NPC forecast**
 6 **accuracy not improved over time?**

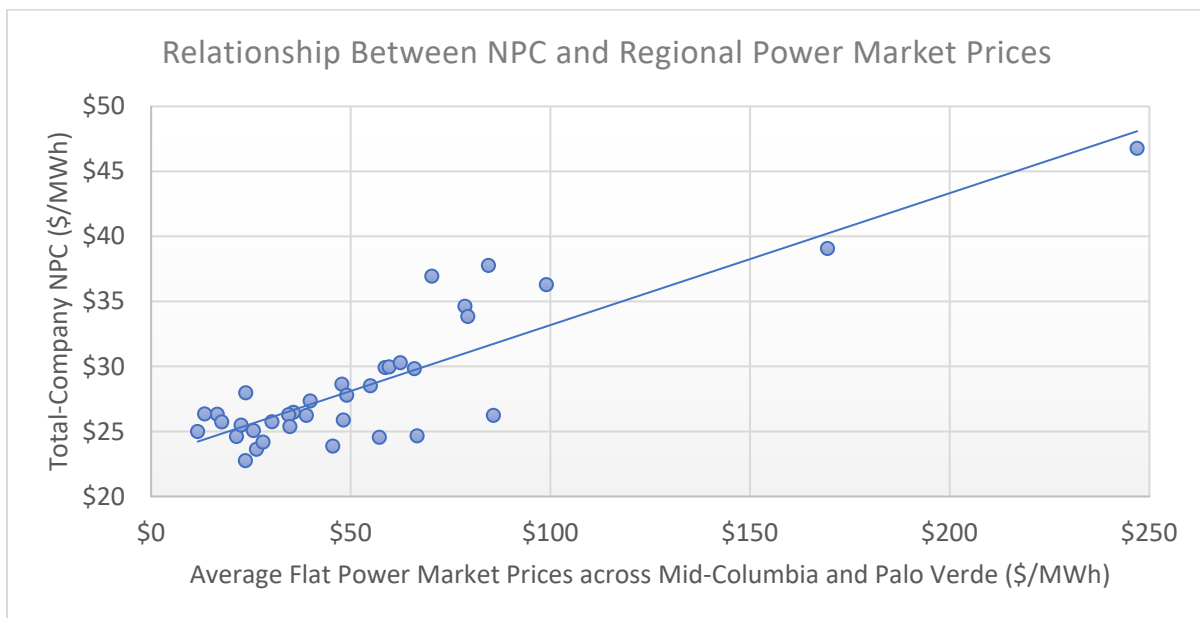
7 **A.** NPC forecasts are less accurate, in part, because regional forward power market price
 8 forecasts in the western interconnection have become less accurate, which is
 9 particularly problematic given that NPC forecasts rely on regional market price
 10 forecasts that are often developed one to two years before rates are effective (for
 11 example, the NPC forecast in this case was based on forward prices from December
 12 2022; by the end of the 2024 test period, the forward price forecast will be two years
 13 old). In prior decades, these forecasts were *relatively* stable, but, in recent years these

1 forecasts have become less accurate, as I describe in more detail below and as indicated
 2 in Figure 4 above.

3 **Q. What is the relationship between NPC and regional power market prices?**

4 A. NPC are driven by and are proportionate to regional power market prices as re-
 5 illustrated below in Figure 5.

6 **Figure 5**



7 **Q. How are regional power market price forecasts developed?**

8 A. Regional power market price forecasts for one to three years out (the prices used in the
 9 official forward price curve) are actual market prices in the actual forward power
 10 markets within the western interconnection. These prices are not created by the
 11 Company but are determined by the aggregate trading activity of all regional market
 12 participants.

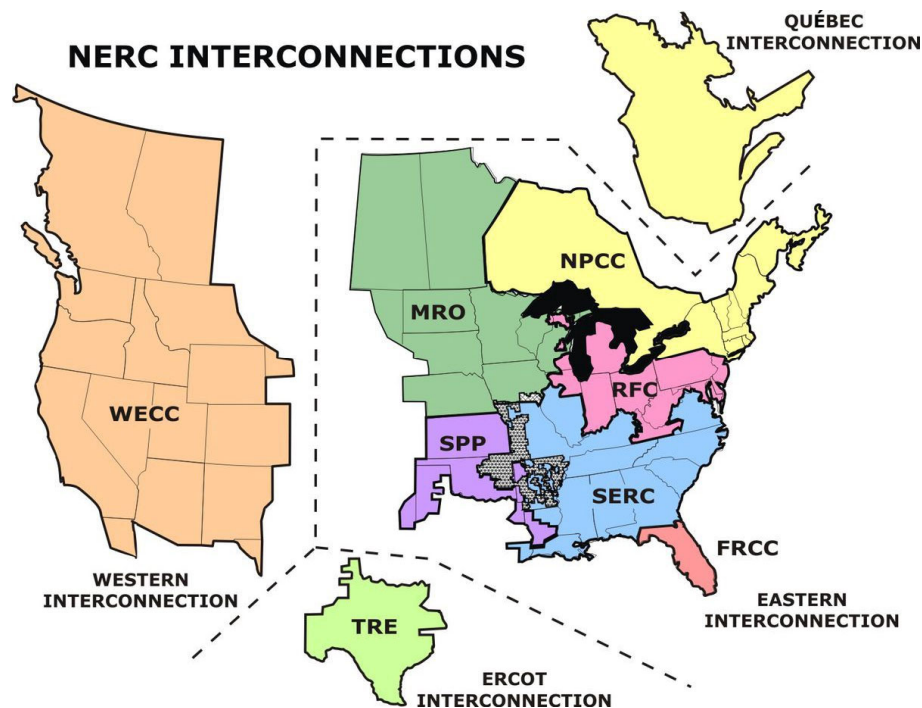
13 **Q. What is the western interconnection?**

14 A. Please refer to Figure 6 below. The western interconnection is the geographic area
 15 containing the synchronously operated electric grid in the western part of North

1 America, which includes parts of Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, South Dakota,
 2 Texas, Wyoming and Mexico and all of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada,
 3 Oregon, Utah, Washington and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and
 4 Alberta.²⁰

5 Regional power market prices are based on the supply and demand across the
 6 entirety of the western interconnection, subject to transmission limitations. Other
 7 interconnections play a limited to negligible role in regional power market prices given
 8 the limited transmission connectivity between interconnections.

9 **Figure 6**

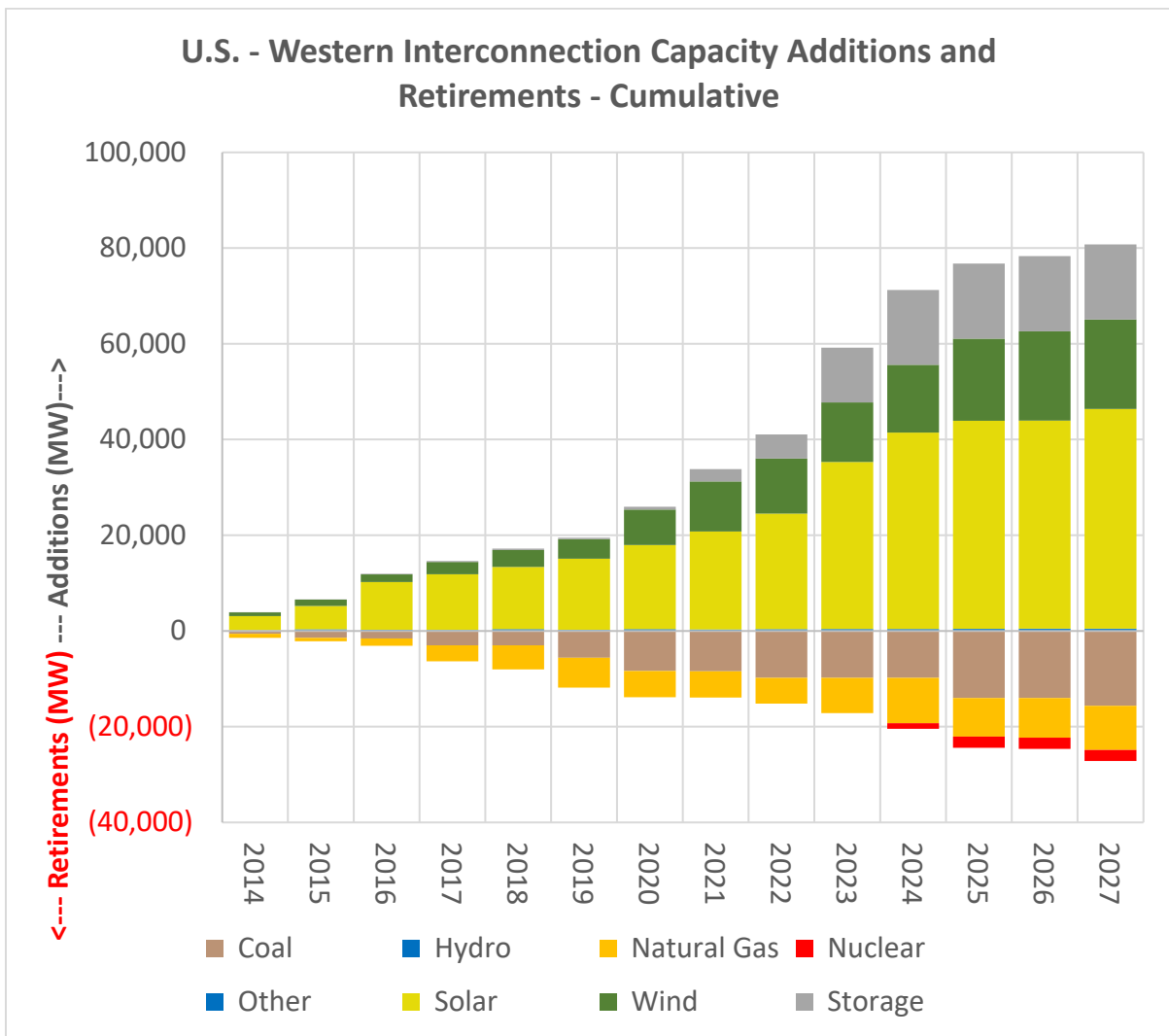


²⁰ *The Western US Power System*, TRANSMISSION AGENCY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (accessed Feb. 23, 2023), <https://www.tanc.us/understanding-transmission/the-western-us-power-system/>.

1 **Q. Why have regional power market price forecasts in the western interconnection**
 2 **become less accurate in recent years?**

3 A. The resource mix across the western interconnection has evolved from one dominated
 4 by controllable thermal generation to one dominated by intermittent weather-dependent
 5 generation. Specifically, coal and gas generation facilities are being retired and replaced
 6 with solar and wind generation facilities. Figure 7 below illustrates this year-over-year
 7 change in the western interconnection’s resource mix.

8 **Figure 7**



1 **Q. Are these resource mix changes in the western interconnection a consequence of,**
2 **or driven by, the Company's decisions?**

3 A. No. The Company's portfolio of wind and solar resources is only approximately
4 four percent of the total wind and solar capacity across the western interconnection.
5 Had the Company not installed a single megawatt of wind or solar generation, the NPC
6 forecast would still be driven by market prices and, therefore, still suffer from
7 difficulties in forecast accuracy resulting from the region-wide adoption of these
8 weather dependent resources.

9 **Q. Why has the change in resource mix within the western interconnection decreased**
10 **NPC forecast accuracy?**

11 A. Current forecasting techniques are incapable of accurately predicting the weather one
12 to two years out into the future. For example, the wind speeds across the western
13 interconnection during the month of February in 2024 are impossible to predict with
14 any reasonable degree of accuracy on the day that this testimony was filed in March of
15 2023.²¹ Using the Pacific Northwest as an example, wind generation changes are
16 correlated with regional power market price changes and consequently, any material
17 variance in wind generation from forecast to actual corresponds to a material variance
18 in regional power market prices, from forecast to actual.

19 Consequently, as the resource mix in the western interconnection becomes more
20 dominated by generation that is dependent on wind speed and solar irradiance
21 (sunshine), the regional power market price expectations for one to two years out
22 become less accurate. As previously illustrated in Figure 5 above, any material change

²¹ Across an annual period, average wind speed forecasts are borderline reasonably accurate. At more detailed levels of granularity, for example monthly or hourly, these forecasts do not exhibit reasonable levels of accuracy.

1 in the regional market prices corresponds to a proportionate and material change in
2 NPC and the associated NPC forecast accuracy (variance).

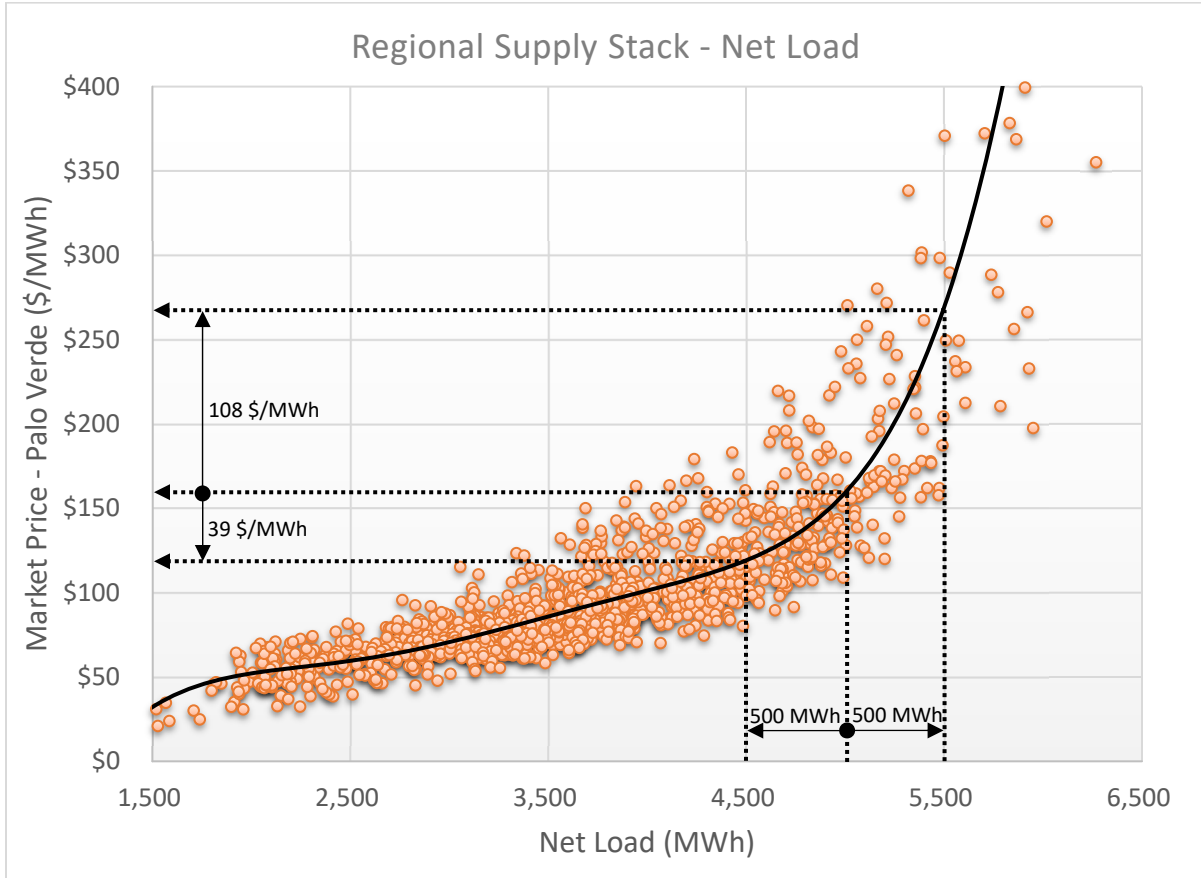
3 **Q. Is it expected that these errors in the NPC forecast will cancel out over time and**
4 **produce accuracy in the long run?**

5 A. Unfortunately, not. There is an asymmetry in the response of market prices to changes
6 in regional generation or load. As an illustrative example, Figure 8 below depicts a
7 proxy supply curve (with inelastic demand) based on actual load, wind, and solar data
8 within the region during the summer of 2022, scaled to Rocky Mountain Power load.

9 In this illustrative example, because of the asymmetry of regional market price
10 response, a 500 MWh *increase* in net load (load less wind less solar) results in a
11 \$108/MWh increase in market price whereas an identical 500 MWh *decrease* in net
12 load results in only a \$39/MWh decrease to market price.

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Figure 8



2 **Q. What are the immediate consequences to NPC of this asymmetry in the response**
 3 **of market prices to changes in regional generation or load?**

4 A. As previously illustrated in Figure 5 above, because NPC move in proportion to
 5 regional market prices, and continuing with the illustrative example provided above,
 6 we observe that an unexpected increase in net load will increase NPC by an amount far
 7 greater than the decrease in NPC observed because of an identical and opposite
 8 unexpected decrease in net load.

9 This asymmetrical response biases the NPC forecast persistently downwards
 10 such that any attempt to accurately model, and not over-forecast, will probabilistically

1 result in actual NPC being greater than forecast NPC and consequently, persistent
2 under-recovery of NPC through the sharing band as evidenced in 2021 and 2022.

3 **Q. Apart from persistent under-recovery, what are the long-term implications to**
4 **NPC of this asymmetry in the response of market prices to changes in regional**
5 **generation or load?**

6 A. As weather dependent generation continues to proliferate throughout the region as
7 illustrated above in Figure 7, the one to two years out regional generation forecasts and
8 the associated regional market price forecasts will become less accurate. This, in turn,
9 will factually and substantially increase the difficulty of creating accurate NPC
10 forecasts.

11 **Q. Although regional proliferation of weather dependent generation results in less**
12 **accurate price forecasts and correspondingly less accurate NPC forecasts; does**
13 **this weather-dependent generation lower the Company's NPC?**

14 A. Yes. Since calendar year 2020 the Company has repowered existing wind facilities,²²
15 gained ownership of new wind facilities²³ and built new transmission lines,²⁴ all of
16 which are operational in the test period. Without these new wind resources and the
17 associated transmission lines to move the generation to load, the 2024 NPC forecast
18 would be \$343 million higher on a total-Company basis, approximately \$47 million on
19 a Wyoming-allocated basis.

²² Dunlap, Foote Creek I, Glenrock I, Glenrock III, Goodnoe Hills, High Plains, Leaning Juniper, Marengo I, Marengo II, McFadden Ridge, Rolling Hills, Seven Mile Hill I, Seven Mile Hill II.

²³ Cedar Springs II, Ekola Flats, Foote Creek II, Foote Creek III, Foote Creek IV, Pryor Mountain, Rock Creek I, Rock River I, TB Flats I, TB Flats II.

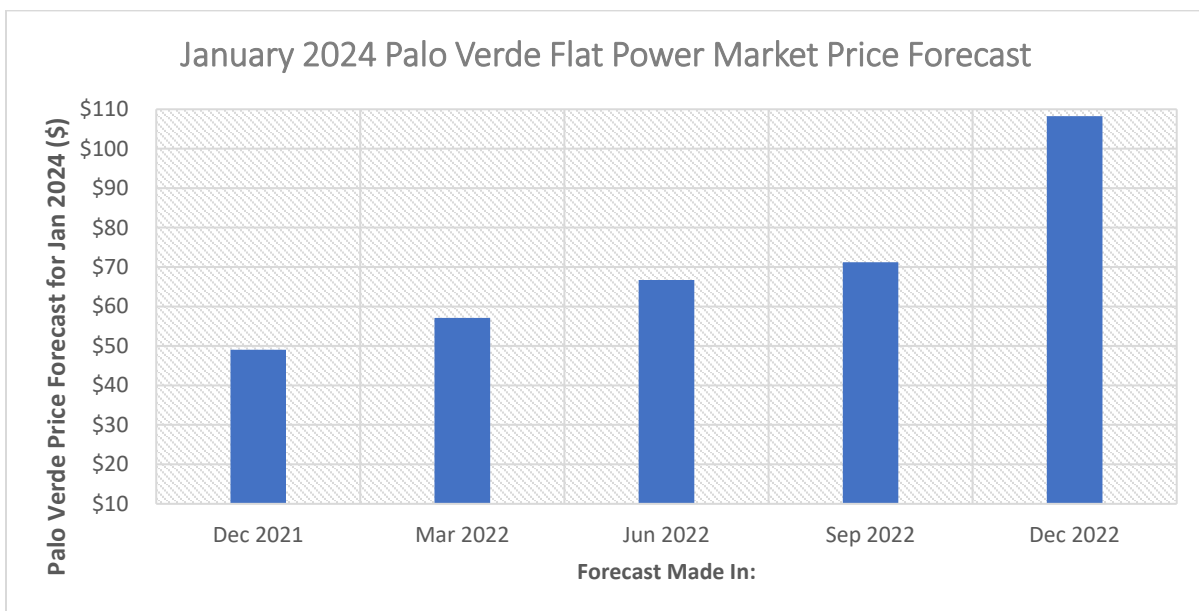
²⁴ Gateway West Segment D.2, Gateway South.

1 **An Uncertain and Dynamic Future**

2 **Q. How has the uncertainty (unreliability) of regional power market price forecasts**
 3 **manifested?**

4 A. Using January 2024 as an example, regional power market price forecasts demonstrate
 5 unreliability through an examination of the quarter-over-quarter forecasts of average
 6 power market prices at Palo Verde for the month of January 2024. The illustration in
 7 Figure 9 below starts with the prices taken from real broker quotes on December 31,
 8 2021 and ends with the quotes taken in December 30, 2022.

9 **Figure 9**



10 **Q. What does Figure 9 show?**

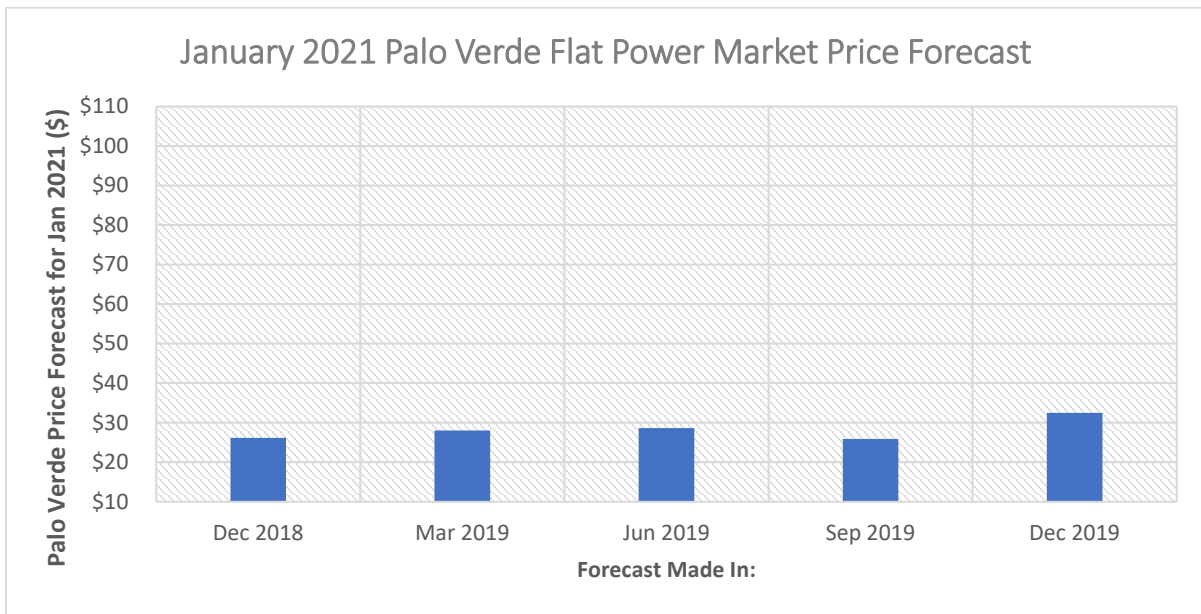
11 A. Figure 9 above makes clear the fact that the price expectations for January 2024
 12 increased every quarter by a substantial amount. Were this NPC forecast created prior
 13 to December 31, 2022, the NPC would look markedly different, and substantially lower
 14 than the current forecast. This scenario of under-forecast exacerbates as one goes

1 backward in time. It is near impossible to determine with any reasonable degree of
 2 accuracy what the January 2024 price will actually be in January of 2024.

3 **Q. How does this price forecast of January 2024 compare to January 2021?**

4 A. Figure 10 below illustrates similar quarter-over-quarter forecasts for the month of
 5 January 2021. It starts with the prices taken from real broker quotes on December 31,
 6 2018 and ends with the quotes taken in December 30, 2019. Figure 10 below is scaled
 7 identically to Figure 9 above and illustrates that during calendar year 2019, the price
 8 expectations for January 2021 were relatively stable. Comparing Figure 10 against
 9 Figure 9 demonstrates the factual increase in the unreliability of regional market price
 10 forecasts between the 2020 GRC and this filing.

11 **Figure 10**



12 **Q. Forward (future) market prices have become near impossible to determine with**
 13 **any reasonable degree of accuracy. How does this impact the NPC forecast?**

14 A. In an identical fashion. The NPC forecast has become near impossible to calculate with
 15 any reasonable degree of accuracy, in either direction.

1 **Q. Please elaborate.**

2 A. Regional forward power market prices do not trend upwards indefinitely. The historical
3 data, as illustrated above in Figure 4, shows a recent trend of substantial and
4 unprecedented under-forecast of NPC. However, the opposite trend is probable. At
5 some point, a re-creation of Figure 9 above may show quarter-over-quarter decreases
6 by equally substantial amounts and these decreases will be un-precedentially
7 unfavorable to Wyoming customers under the ECAM sharing band. Essentially, as
8 market prices drop, the higher forecast will result in 20 percent of that benefit being
9 retained by the Company instead of flowing to customers.

10 **Q. What other factors exacerbate the unreliability of future market prices?**

11 A. The conflict in Ukraine has impacted regional forward natural gas market prices and it
12 is uncertain as to how long either the conflict or the repercussions from the conflict will
13 persist. Additionally, there has been an uptick in unpredictable and extreme weather
14 events and market participants hold expectations of a continuation of these
15 unpredictable events which place a premium on regional forward power market prices.

16 **Q. How has the conflict in Ukraine impacted regional natural gas fuel prices?**

17 A. The conflict in Ukraine has decreased European availability of natural gas, previously
18 sourced from Russian imports. With decreased European supply, the associated
19 European demand has turned to U.S. domestic supply to fill the gap and the increased
20 competition over domestic supply has driven regional natural gas fuel prices upwards
21 with increases in domestic production unable to keep pace with the increased demand.
22 This increase in natural gas fuel prices correspondingly increases regional natural gas

1 market prices and regional power market prices, in that order. It is uncertain as to how
2 long, and in what direction, these factors will continue to impact regional prices.

3 **Q. How have extreme weather events impacted regional power market prices?**

4 A. A long-term drought, dating back to the 2019-2020 winter, continues across parts of
5 the Pacific Northwest²⁵ and the consequent decrease in expected hydroelectric
6 generation diminishes the expected regional energy supply.

7 Furthermore, calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022 have seen an increase in
8 abnormal/extreme weather events that have resulted in higher-than-expected load
9 during stressed system conditions, and this trend has set expectations amongst market
10 participants for similar conditions in 2024. Therefore, many utilities across the region
11 have revised their expectations of load profiles upwards, which limits excess supply
12 offered into the regional power markets.

13 Although market participants hold expectations of a continuation of
14 unpredictable weather events, these events are by definition uncertain and may or may
15 not materialize on time, or at all. Consequently, the actual 2024 power market prices
16 are equally uncertain.

17 **Q. What other uncertain elements in this dynamically evolving industry landscape
18 are of substantial impact to NPC?**

19 A. The expansion and revision of the EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule on NO_x
20 emissions limits (also referred to as the OTR) that was announced in draft rules issued
21 in 2022 is an on-going uncertainty. As discussed in more detail in the testimony of Ms.
22 Steward, based on the EPA's publications to date it is unclear whether or not Wyoming

²⁵ *U.S. Drought Monitor, supra* note 1.

1 NO_x emissions will be subject to OTR limits in 2024 and beyond. The Company's
2 current modeling assumption is based on the clear initial guidance from the EPA and
3 Wyoming is assumed subject to OTR NO_x emissions limits in 2024.

4 **Q. What are the implications to NPC?**

5 A. As described in detail further above in my testimony, the inclusion or exclusion of
6 Wyoming within the OTR impacts NPC by \$118 million.

7 **Q. What are the ECAM sharing band implications of this NPC impact?**

8 A. Since the Company's current modeling assumption is that Wyoming is subject to the
9 OTR in 2024, if clear guidance is not provided by the EPA (and potentially the courts),
10 Wyoming customers may be subject to an over-collection (i.e., the Company may over-
11 recover NPC). Furthermore, even if the EPA continues with its initial guidance and
12 subjects Wyoming to the OTR in 2024, the decision can be reversed in future years,
13 again exposing Wyoming customers to an over-collection.

14 **Q. Will resolution on the OTR issue resolve the potential harm to Wyoming
15 customers?**

16 A. No. As various federal and state entities continue to advance GHG reduction goals,
17 these types of emission reduction policies will likely become more common, appear at
18 greater frequency and be subject to substantial uncertainty. This uncertainty cuts both
19 ways and can result in substantial over-recovery or under-recovery of NPC. When the
20 Commission rendered its decision in the original ECAM, this dynamic of uncertain and
21 ambitious federal and state environmental compliance requirements had not yet come
22 to pass and the ECAM sharing band was designed under that paradigm.

1 Now, in this uncertain and dynamic industry landscape, the accuracy of
2 modeling supporting the forecasts is further challenged and Wyoming customers are
3 exposed to rates based on policies which may be both transient in nature and of
4 substantial impact to NPC. This further argues for Wyoming customers to pay
5 100 percent of prudently incurred actual NPC, no more and no less, by allowing the
6 Company to return to customers NPC that were over-recovered or recover from
7 customers NPC that were under-recovered.

8 **The ECAM Incentives and the Company's Proposal**

9 **Q. Under the restrictions of the ECAM sharing band and the current and future state**
10 **of the western interconnection, what steps can be taken to achieve equitable**
11 **outcomes for both customers and the Company?**

12 A. The concept of an equitable outcome where the Company has the opportunity to
13 recover all prudently incurred NPC without systemic disadvantage to either customers
14 or the Company could be achieved through any combination of three methods – two of
15 which are in direct contradiction to the as-designed incentives of the ECAM and
16 prudent utility practice: 1) Abstain from joining the EDAM and exit the EIM, thereby
17 regaining some measure of control over the accuracy of NPC modeling and forecasting;
18 2) Artificially engineer the NPC forecast with an upward bias to account for the
19 expectation of under-recovery; or 3) Eliminate the sharing band.

20 Although the first two methods listed above may increase the accuracy of the
21 NPC forecast and assist in attaining equitable outcomes, the first would raise actual
22 NPC and the second is the result of an inappropriate ECAM sharing band incentive and

1 is not good utility practice in any forecasting arena. The third step is at the sole
2 discretion of the Commission.

3 **Q. Which incentive is being achieved without the application of the ECAM sharing**
4 **band?**

5 A. “[T]o encourage the Company to use its best efforts to control costs.”²⁶ Through the
6 upcoming EDAM participation along with the multiple, powerful incentives to keep
7 energy costs low—including electric industry transformation, increased competition,
8 and regulatory disallowances—the Company has employed best efforts to control costs
9 to the point where the economic control of the majority of NPC will no longer be under
10 the purview of the Company, but instead, an independent system operator.

11 **Q. Which ECAM sharing band incentive is no longer achievable under the current**
12 **and future energy landscape?**

13 A. “[T]o encourage the accuracy of modeling supporting the forecasts.”²⁷ Ongoing and
14 irreversible changes in the resource mix across the western interconnection which result
15 in less accurate regional forward market prices has made it near impossible for the
16 Company to achieve accuracy of modeling to support the forecasts.

17 **Q. Which incentive has always been and will continue to be achieved even if the**
18 **ECAM sharing band is eliminated?**

19 A. “[T]o avoid creating commercial disadvantage to roughly 70 percent of RMP’s load in
20 Wyoming, which would ultimately be detrimental to all Wyoming customers.”²⁸
21 Wyoming customers will pay 100 percent of prudently incurred actual NPC, lowered

²⁶ See, Docket No. 20000-368-EA-10 (Record No. 12477), Memorandum Opinion, Findings and Order (Feb. 4, 2011).

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ *Id.*

1 by EDAM participation, no more and no less. Parties will also be able to effectively
2 review each year's ECAM application to determine if the costs being requested were
3 prudent and in the public interest. The proposed ECAM sharing band elimination will
4 not place Wyoming customers at a disadvantage but will instead allow the Company to
5 return to customers NPC that were over-recovered or recover from customers NPC that
6 were under-recovered.

7 **Q. Which ECAM sharing band incentive appears to be no longer relevant to NPC?**

8 A. “[T]o use the existing forecasting mechanisms.”²⁹ Since the proposed test period
9 matches the rate effective period, the pre-existing forecasting mechanisms that
10 underpinned the design of the ECAM are no longer relevant and as a consequence, it
11 appears that this ECAM incentive is no longer relevant.

12 **Q. Of the four ECAM sharing band incentives, since one is achieved absent the**
13 **ECAM, one is no longer achievable, one has been and will continue to be achieved,**
14 **and one appears to be no longer relevant, what is the Company's proposal?**

15 A. The Company proposes to eliminate the ECAM sharing band to allow for 100 percent
16 return or recovery of the mechanism's revenues or costs to or from customers.

17 **Q. Does the elimination of the ECAM sharing band have the potential to benefit**
18 **customers?**

19 A. Yes. Considering the increasing inaccuracy of regional forward market prices it is
20 conceivable and probable, as previously mentioned, that there will be years in which
21 the NPC forecast is substantially higher than the actual NPC, resulting in an *over-*

²⁹ *Id.*

1 recovery of NPC. Under this scenario, all over-recovered costs would flow back to
2 customers and eliminate their exposure to this downside risk.

3 **Q. Does the elimination of the ECAM sharing band imply a prudence review that is**
4 **monumental in scope?**

5 A. No. With participation in an organized market, the quantity of transactions to review
6 are less numerous because the majority of NPC transactions and decisions will be
7 automated under the purview of an independent system operator. The remaining NPC
8 transactions relevant for prudency reviews become smaller by magnitudes and
9 therefore manageable instead of monumental.

10 XII. CONCLUSION

11 **Q. Please summarize your direct testimony.**

12 A. The Company's NPC as modeled in the test period in this case have increased by \$1.122
13 billion on a total-Company basis, approximately 78 percent, since the 2020 GRC. This
14 increase is driven by: 1) the bias towards under-recovery that resulted in a NPC forecast
15 in the 2020 GRC that was too low; 2) increases in purchased power and decreases in
16 wholesale sales revenue that offset a reduction in generation due to the OTR, the WA-
17 GHG program, the gas conversion of Jim Bridger units 1 and 2, increased regulation
18 reserve requirements and the expectation of lower hydroelectric generation; and 3) the
19 increase is offset by the Gateway South transmission project.

20 The upcoming participation in a complete organized market (EDAM) allows
21 for an independent system operator to have economic control over day-ahead, hour-
22 ahead and intra-hour generation commitment/dispatch and market transactions. This in
23 turn allows for the majority of NPC to be as low as modern optimization techniques

1 allow for, while simultaneously removing the ability of the Company to control that
2 same majority.

3 Furthermore, as wind, solar and other weather dependent resources proliferate
4 across the region, from Canada to Mexico, it is near impossible to accurately forecast
5 NPC a year or more in advance and furthermore, customers bear an increased risk of
6 over-collection as the NPC forecast is exposed to substantial uncertainty resulting from
7 the electric industry being in the midst of permanent and unprecedented change.

8 **Q. Please summarize your recommendation to the Commission.**

9 A. I recommend that the Commission adopt the proposed base NPC for the test period of
10 \$2.553 billion on a total-company basis and \$360.3 million on a Wyoming-allocated
11 basis.

12 I also recommend the Commission approve modifications to the design of the
13 ECAM to remove the sharing band.

14 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

15 A. Yes.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE) APPLICATION OF ROCKY) MOUNTAIN POWER FOR) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS) RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE RATES) AND TO REVISE THE ENERGY COST) ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM)	DOCKET NO. 20000-____-ER-23 (RECORD NO. _____)
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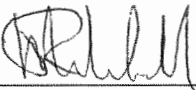
Affiant is the Manager, Net Power Costs for PacifiCorp, which is a party in this matter.

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Affiant hereby verifies that, based on Affiant's knowledge, all statements and information contained within the testimony and all of its associated attachments are true and complete and constitute the recommendations of the Affiant in his official capacity as Manager, Net Power Costs.

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Dated this 27 day of February, 2023



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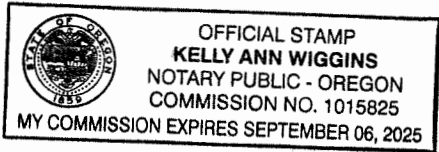
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Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Ramon J. Mitchell
Net Power Cost Report

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Black Hills	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hurricane Sale	\$ 26,267	\$ 23,495	\$ 27,826	\$ 16,228	\$ 20,336	\$ 22,380	\$ 55,884	\$ 55,044	\$ 38,281	\$ 24,244	\$ 19,233	\$ 24,228
Learning Lumber Revenue	\$ 654,964	\$ 942,025	\$ 1,003,664	\$ 713,480	\$ 576,640	\$ 950,064	\$ 881,326	\$ 2,979,360	\$ 846,580	\$ 805,263	\$ 588,562	\$ 610,040
PSCO Sale	\$ 681,231	\$ 965,520	\$ 1,031,490	\$ 729,688	\$ 598,976	\$ 972,444	\$ 937,210	\$ 3,034,404	\$ 884,791	\$ 829,527	\$ 617,795	\$ 634,268
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Wyoming	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Short Term Firm Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
System Balancing Sales												
COB	\$ 11,669,369	\$ 7,628,984	\$ 5,604,567	\$ 3,644,115	\$ 4,236,182	\$ 6,314,101	\$ 7,685,617	\$ 9,284,345	\$ 14,777,929	\$ 13,049,209	\$ 12,420,938	\$ 14,014,796
Four Corners	\$ 13,240,040	\$ 5,896,023	\$ 6,282,901	\$ 4,318,007	\$ 2,600,180	\$ 4,164,920	\$ 4,824,863	\$ 3,520,197	\$ 8,557,463	\$ 6,996,597	\$ 9,475,748	\$ 12,129,252
Mead	\$ 1,275,851	\$ 45,724	\$ (5,377)	\$ 186,636	\$ 13,487	\$ 34,203	\$ 126,212	\$ 302,992	\$ 395,535	\$ 162,324	\$ 24,513	\$ (189,405)
MtColumbia	\$ 29,702,783	\$ 16,620,848	\$ 12,296,574	\$ 9,906,293	\$ 7,708,421	\$ 4,561,697	\$ 27,701,133	\$ 31,678,240	\$ 22,152,806	\$ 17,577,683	\$ 14,445,728	\$ 19,980,712
MoJo	\$ 3,048,429	\$ 2,954,040	\$ 1,191,426	\$ 306,928	\$ 111,235	\$ 1,565,314	\$ 834,822	\$ 4,532,075	\$ 5,190,450	\$ 1,258,733	\$ 1,017,206	\$ 1,723,005
NOB	\$ 1,651,150	\$ 1,417,774	\$ 1,424,472	\$ 528,641	\$ 403,942	\$ 1,239,917	\$ 1,838,447	\$ 2,673,733	\$ 2,403,528	\$ 1,401,433	\$ 1,373,639	\$ 867,121
Palo Verde	\$ 699,869	\$ 403,159	\$ 336,624	\$ 80,410	\$ 48,862	\$ 515,656	\$ 551,550	\$ 1,289,787	\$ 357,751	\$ 420,163	\$ 477,019	\$ 448,481
Trapped Energy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total System Balancing Sales	\$ 60,187,647	\$ 34,966,552	\$ 27,131,186	\$ 18,971,031	\$ 15,121,288	\$ 18,395,138	\$ 43,562,643	\$ 50,281,368	\$ 53,838,463	\$ 40,866,162	\$ 39,234,791	\$ 49,004,866
Total Special Sales For Resale	\$ 60,868,878	\$ 35,932,072	\$ 28,162,676	\$ 19,700,719	\$ 15,718,263	\$ 19,367,582	\$ 44,499,852	\$ 53,315,772	\$ 54,723,253	\$ 41,695,688	\$ 39,852,586	\$ 49,639,134

Long Term Firm Purchases	8,781,386	5,854,258	11,764,725	8,939,587	43,667	3,824,831	9,457,003	27,684,996	6,247,480	5,332,320	7,031,207	3,264,140	2,898,880	6,937,492	7,129,800	20,600,000	140,000	1,931,376	5,684,265	5,900,441	5,920,135	14,288	20,858,257	38,689,566	10,735,370	-	-	18,647	57,102	9,824,810	(33,198,571)	202,367,458				
Appaloosa 1A Solar	476,579	523,356	1,348,848	829,598	1,136,654	199,253	453,001	3,092,614	365,922	300,509	369,331	272,680	150,647	418,195	594,150	1,716,667	11,667	65,430	257,917	308,030	277,872	1,173	2,812,455	3,276,985	793,717	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Appaloosa 1B Solar	317,719	349,904	-	-	-	492,928	453,001	-	-	3,092,614	-	183,114	453,001	3,228,408	-	-	-	257,917	308,030	277,872	1,173	2,812,455	3,276,985	793,717	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
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Long Term Firm Purchases Total	17,319,045	16,243,105	17,609,552	17,116,603	16,858,070	17,005,296	17,988,702	17,525,760	17,696,411	15,810,928	15,500,754	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233	15,693,233

Rocky Mountain Power
Exhibit 10.2
Docket No. 20000-____-ER-23
Witness: Ramon J. Mitchell

BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Ramon J. Mitchell
Net Power Cost Aurora Test Report

March 2023

Aurora Test NPC Report													
Net Power Cost Report													
-- 12 months ended December 2021													
	Total	11/1/2021	2/1/2021	3/1/2021	4/1/2021	5/1/2021	6/1/2021	7/1/2021	8/1/2021	9/1/2021	10/1/2021	11/1/2021	12/1/2021
Special Sales For Resale							\$						
Long Term Firm Sales													
Black Hills Losses_S	308,860	26,315	21,811	23,518	22,569	21,526	33,190	28,307	25,794	26,552	26,173	25,272	27,832
Black Hills Sale-MC_S	3,714,881	352,854	381,005	345,348	260,897	132,813	168,939	358,954	334,088	341,594	352,854	331,273	354,262
Black Hills Sale-UTS_S	2,095,040	178,500	147,946	159,524	153,092	146,016	225,135	192,008	174,962	180,108	177,535	171,424	188,792
Black Hills Sale-WYE_S	1,789,443	152,463	126,365	136,255	130,761	124,717	192,295	164,000	149,441	153,836	151,638	146,419	161,253
Leaning Juniper Revenue_S	105,294	7,601	7,384	9,260	5,355	4,684	6,043	14,266	16,102	10,939	7,961	6,724	8,936
Hurricane Sale_S	7,474	623	623	623	623	623	623	623	623	623	623	623	623
Total Long Term Firm Sales	8,020,951	718,356	649,476	710,184	573,296	430,379	626,225	758,158	701,009	713,652	716,784	681,735	741,698
Short Term Firm Sales													
STF Borah_S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STF COB_S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STF Colorado_S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STF Four Corners_S	21,354,660	3,522,890	2,974,080	3,095,370	1,977,600	1,958,400	1,977,600	0	0	0	1,971,460	1,905,800	1,971,460
STF Mead_S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STF Mid Columbia_S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STF Mona_S	7,750,000	1,277,800	1,202,400	1,345,800	338,000	325,000	338,000	0	0	0	985,000	953,000	985,000
STF Palo Verde_S	23,424,050	3,801,450	3,397,800	3,751,050	1,877,100	1,834,950	1,877,100	0	0	0	2,320,550	2,243,500	2,320,550
STF PP-GC_S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STF Wyoming East_S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STF Wyoming North_S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Short Term Firm Sales	52,528,710	8,602,140	7,574,280	8,192,220	4,192,700	4,118,350	4,192,700	0	0	0	5,277,010	5,102,300	5,277,010
System Balancing Sales													
COB-Sale	30,427,339	3,321,041	2,293,355	2,180,958	1,039,510	1,269,402	1,794,325	2,202,105	2,341,634	2,079,633	3,621,494	3,901,647	4,382,234
Four Corners-Sale	42,302,885	3,616,086	2,682,091	1,824,757	2,167,706	1,285,084	2,332,335	6,126,247	5,688,306	5,761,445	3,516,089	3,408,296	3,894,444
Mead-Sale	27,629,244	3,348,249	2,397,171	1,442,945	926,949	1,123,944	1,722,920	2,366,515	3,561,802	3,095,697	2,591,993	2,557,454	2,494,205
Mid Columbia-Sale	34,612,093	4,897,083	2,708,596	981,339	1,039,686	551,954	1,601,827	4,489,554	5,590,328	4,654,937	3,100,223	2,428,095	2,568,571
Mona-Sale	21,211,278	2,080,627	1,216,820	160,368	985,792	1,033,466	1,965,544	2,312,725	2,418,449	5,456,620	1,344,863	1,112,031	1,121,774
NOB-Sale	5,309,085	0	71,541	0	695,008	217,231	90,618	1,093,834	1,576,831	627,172	40,264	76,189	820,397
Palo Verde-Sale	28,708,926	(155,506)	(133,364)	(146,895)	850,630	979,874	1,252,619	8,421,419	9,324,164	6,125,457	683,077	695,432	812,019
Trapped Energy Sale	101,435	0	0	93,029	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	7,906	0
Total System Balancing Sales	190,302,286	17,107,580	11,166,669	6,608,042	7,705,281	6,460,755	10,760,187	27,012,400	30,501,514	27,801,162	14,898,003	14,187,049	16,093,644
Total Special Sales For Resale	250,851,948	26,428,076	19,390,425	15,510,447	12,471,277	11,009,484	15,579,112	27,770,557	31,202,522	28,514,815	20,891,797	19,971,084	22,112,352

Purchased Power & Net Interchange												
Long Term Firm Solar Purchases												
SR Cove Mountain P	185,318	194,698	339,380	369,457	425,244	457,334	443,628	419,764	359,961	289,769	208,202	171,172
SR Cove Mountain II P	28,534	28,675	28,713	28,701	28,534	28,701	28,624	28,624	28,609	28,624	28,609	28,624
SR Hunter P	374,917	425,032	647,514	675,791	770,602	797,428	756,093	712,634	664,479	567,050	402,182	326,655
SR Milford P	358,636	412,994	609,192	677,611	796,634	839,927	747,990	720,079	671,702	541,718	394,119	310,565
SR Milcan P	90,574	138,221	204,961	257,983	306,198	333,291	375,334	331,655	266,914	174,771	111,940	76,815
SR Old Mill P	26,484	46,325	52,432	79,715	99,415	111,013	111,013	94,492	83,002	59,410	33,957	26,880
SR Pavant III P	11,395	134,597	228,283	257,419	312,381	326,190	313,964	299,310	261,828	215,287	136,955	88,955
SR Pmeville P	60,175	91,630	136,171	171,397	203,430	221,430	249,362	220,343	177,331	116,113	74,370	51,034
SR Sigurd P	0	0	0	0	0	23,671	660,236	605,233	565,052	458,516	322,228	270,678
Total Long Term Firm Solar Purchases	29,276,799	1,472,372	2,246,646	2,518,075	2,942,439	3,146,785	3,688,242	3,432,133	3,078,876	2,451,256	1,712,562	1,351,377
Long Term Firm Wind Purchases												
WD Cedar Springs P	1,348,848	1,095,201	1,032,244	1,016,035	830,825	743,881	742,782	585,990	827,498	1,090,534	1,068,343	1,341,093
WD Cedar Springs III P	1,025,293	832,068	784,236	772,111	631,271	565,347	564,366	445,199	628,829	828,668	811,823	1,018,881
WD Combine Hills P	372,722	451,621	547,613	547,338	465,613	400,323	451,806	378,748	357,771	372,201	456,360	566,954
WD Rock River P	3,978,379	647,624	502,957	435,960	284,843	282,622	181,185	193,222	262,771	490,382	188,135	0
WD Three Buttes P	2,066,279	2,790,662	2,135,555	1,618,738	1,425,615	1,202,984	807,053	950,560	1,186,425	1,734,559	2,352,374	2,651,346
WD Top of the World P	40,686,139	5,436,528	3,612,747	3,270,671	2,907,362	2,399,909	1,720,419	1,872,120	2,296,835	3,513,194	4,491,633	4,920,662
WD Wolverine Creek P	10,259,067	760,539	1,132,687	1,040,512	787,597	844,716	669,522	637,856	752,718	827,853	962,861	953,572
Total Long Term Firm Wind Purchases	101,586,814	12,382,216	10,405,173	8,701,365	7,333,126	6,419,682	5,137,134	5,063,696	6,312,848	8,857,391	10,331,529	11,452,507
Long Term Firm Hydro Purchases												
Douglas - Wells P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Wanapum Dev P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Priest Rapids Dev P	2,072,011	172,668	172,668	172,668	172,668	172,668	172,668	172,668	172,668	172,668	172,668	172,668
Grant Reasonable P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meaningful Priority P	25,591,632	2,132,636	2,132,636	2,132,636	2,132,636	2,132,636	2,132,636	2,132,636	2,132,636	2,132,636	2,132,636	2,132,636
Total Long Term Firm Hydro Purchases	27,663,643	2,305,304	2,305,304	2,305,304	2,305,304	2,305,304	2,305,304	2,305,304	2,305,304	2,305,304	2,305,304	2,305,304
Long Term Firm Other Purchases												
APS Supp Coal P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APS Supp Other P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deseret Purchase P	33,411,787	2,792,683	2,655,766	2,590,568	2,513,634	2,552,753	2,979,150	2,979,150	2,947,854	2,946,550	2,674,022	2,936,119
CoolKeeper Reserve P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eagle Mountain-UAMPS1626656 P	546,803	16,316	17,263	17,566	16,566	68,739	118,561	120,073	82,257	156,349	35,667	38,341
Eagle Mountain-UAMPS1626657 P	2,068,850	140,576	106,610	111,251	137,604	215,863	318,185	287,362	158,816	156,349	118,011	190,629
Gemstate Purchase P	1,717,824	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152
Hurricane Purchase P	165,480	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790
MacCorp Buythru P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MacCorp Reserves P	4,828,040	401,000	401,000	409,020	401,000	409,020	413,030	392,980	388,970	372,930	433,080	413,030
Monsanto Buythru P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monsanto Reserves P	20,000,000	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667
Nucor Reserve P	7,129,800	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150
PGE Cove Replacement P	154,785	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899
Small East Purchase P	14,288	1,173	1,172	1,172	1,233	1,203	1,226	1,202	1,153	1,157	1,209	1,176
GEO Soda Lake P	8,293,091	822,675	767,167	706,207	682,902	572,441	516,487	545,410	595,644	725,349	782,467	849,611
Biomass One_NonGen_P	(1,241,584)	0	0	0	(626,892)	(614,693)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Long Term Firm Other Purchases	77,089,163	6,605,080	6,381,635	6,266,441	5,556,705	5,635,983	6,777,296	6,786,835	6,605,352	6,632,993	6,475,113	6,859,562
Total Long Term Firm Purchases	235,616,418	22,528,634	21,338,758	19,791,185	18,137,574	17,507,754	17,907,976	17,557,967	18,302,379	20,246,944	20,824,508	21,968,750

Solar Qualifying Facilities												
SR Oregon CO Post-MSP_QF	111,034	162,715	227,354	268,324	306,338	316,611	288,014	228,682	160,007	82,963	70,817	
SR Oregon WM Post-MSP_QF	880,342	1,290,101	1,802,595	2,127,430	2,428,826	2,510,274	2,283,543	1,813,121	1,268,624	657,777	561,480	
SR Utah Post-MSP_QF	728,593	879,205	912,885	993,150	1,011,417	961,497	945,082	895,465	834,750	721,194	665,857	
SR Chiloquin_OR_QF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SR Enterprise_IU_QF	617,060	980,643	1,117,040	1,257,239	1,382,201	1,554,604	1,501,679	1,181,692	958,192	710,651	545,749	
SR Escalante_IU_QF	565,497	883,730	1,015,842	1,191,042	1,306,249	1,436,464	1,391,658	1,094,914	874,325	648,325	507,570	
SR Escalante_III_UT_QF	531,489	645,513	955,501	1,126,570	1,235,899	1,359,761	1,304,267	1,031,738	818,253	606,453	474,150	
SR Escalante_III_UT_QF	517,551	627,998	929,680	1,098,976	1,206,562	1,321,201	1,268,973	1,003,181	750,478	555,442	434,642	
SR Glen Canyon A_UT_QF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SR Glen Canyon B_UT_QF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SR Granite Mountain East_UT_QF	548,826	895,200	990,553	1,158,652	1,258,453	1,338,832	1,261,327	978,568	810,799	585,874	467,909	
SR Granite Mountain West_UT_QF	363,517	409,549	657,018	766,608	830,757	887,222	834,460	645,109	536,218	387,167	300,035	
SR Iron Springs_UT_QF	634,276	666,108	1,017,894	1,130,821	1,263,101	1,346,598	1,318,720	1,006,219	817,161	582,281	500,011	
SR Pavant_UT_QF	208,301	240,534	470,172	563,656	662,527	772,098	721,479	602,883	450,433	279,646	229,591	
SR Pavant_II_UT_QF	177,389	225,178	346,901	476,933	558,197	662,527	602,883	450,433	279,646	229,591	186,635	
SR Red Hills_UT_QF	484,032	621,327	787,699	1,034,403	1,204,945	1,420,487	1,463,983	1,326,490	1,044,847	754,449	485,395	
SR Sage_I_WY_QF	80,679	79,891	204,003	234,995	262,709	337,883	333,611	208,547	155,711	104,870	75,399	
SR Sage_II_WY_QF	88,007	80,764	190,360	206,223	235,208	338,244	333,977	208,784	155,870	105,000	75,469	
SR Sage_III_WY_QF	1,870,483	66,563	167,907	192,623	214,874	275,731	272,505	172,117	130,624	88,886	64,050	
SR Sweetwater_WY_QF	259,240	374,746	689,492	814,365	985,566	1,121,978	1,038,739	815,928	628,052	300,112	202,134	
SR Three Peaks_UT_QF	411,976	477,957	834,509	860,254	911,132	1,042,847	998,463	794,907	672,624	450,021	372,466	
SR Tumbleweed_OR_QF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Solar Qualifying Facilities	149,883,520	6,942,181	11,496,488	15,678,816	17,257,036	19,010,493	18,103,968	14,433,446	11,164,343	7,667,064	6,189,359	
Wind Qualifying Facilities												
WD Oregon Post-MSP_QF	7,200,085	516,989	469,240	690,448	782,327	721,027	775,598	684,669	652,282	479,718	462,384	497,910
WD Chopin_OR_QF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WD Five Pine_ID_QF	8,399,980	515,184	843,295	749,871	802,886	485,844	529,260	630,392	591,216	751,568	738,975	881,157
WD Lago Wind Park_UT_QF	9,672,433	1,007,976	917,725	1,119,717	895,550	857,781	745,592	682,684	563,374	621,378	790,071	708,277
WD Monticello_UT_QF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WD Mountain Wind 1_WY_QF	8,916,081	1,397,706	1,044,898	869,816	693,033	479,607	498,327	410,860	440,933	454,827	672,574	927,984
WD Mountain Wind 2_WY_QF	13,895,032	2,038,486	1,566,199	1,352,529	1,078,715	750,862	890,296	781,456	734,168	757,712	1,009,556	1,519,756
WD North Point_ID_QF	18,786,578	1,081,867	1,817,410	1,672,825	1,801,611	1,084,057	1,202,040	1,465,393	1,786,186	1,717,960	1,871,544	1,821,134
WD Oregon Wind Farm_OR_QF	12,468,786	729,862	977,741	1,115,635	1,312,367	1,260,504	1,201,740	1,261,215	1,114,408	919,425	735,728	801,715
WD Orem Family_OR_QF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WD Pioneer Wind Park_I_WY_QF	10,639,652	1,303,917	924,898	1,187,446	905,027	704,142	650,577	649,784	680,906	450,437	820,675	1,098,250
WD Power County North_ID_QF	5,460,338	415,705	548,470	519,896	350,949	344,576	360,111	360,430	360,111	511,430	503,622	602,381
WD Power County South_ID_QF	4,865,045	367,049	482,868	474,030	482,998	302,559	306,289	327,761	335,462	336,896	447,464	479,427
WD Spanish Fork 2_UT_QF	2,754,893	217,428	177,317	204,533	160,625	154,092	210,748	289,637	315,766	271,043	242,506	280,620
WD Threemile Canyon_OR_QF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Wind Qualifying Facilities	103,058,904	9,692,169	9,764,061	9,962,201	9,435,034	7,151,426	7,355,043	7,533,363	7,254,020	7,209,682	8,149,323	10,034,896
Other Qualifying Facilities												
California Pre Merger Pre-MSP_QF	981,258	91,344	121,650	139,635	189,175	178,961	121,479	40,661	13,623	9,962	9,370	16,818
California Post Merger Pre-MSP_QF	29,542	3,186	3,043	3,025	3,083	2,638	2,638	2,638	1,854	1,693	1,436	2,505
California Post Merger Post-MSP_QF	1,456,200	121,787	112,517	125,199	121,035	121,787	123,545	123,545	119,277	119,277	123,545	123,545
Idaho Pre Merger Pre-MSP_QF	4,958,064	344,783	308,524	392,179	443,898	588,668	585,708	527,676	348,862	344,348	322,121	383,309
Idaho Post Merger Pre-MSP_QF	120,952	5,666	5,917	13,514	18,531	11,795	13,405	9,064	7,353	6,781	6,781	8,797
Idaho Post Merger Post-MSP_QF	2,751,508	236,038	225,933	210,794	199,697	178,158	184,294	244,859	239,987	239,726	237,999	263,686
Oregon Pre Merger Pre-MSP_QF	8,408,916	714,509	661,242	742,175	851,029	849,743	758,373	666,101	666,393	721,883	572,965	670,985
Oregon Post Merger Pre-MSP_QF	584,796	47,831	41,135	61,541	100,349	97,645	84,416	31,946	18,992	18,727	12,349	42,711
Oregon Post Merger Post-MSP_QF	14,109,749	984,473	954,895	1,131,155	1,282,452	1,414,223	1,352,000	1,349,990	1,346,342	1,301,636	1,121,534	967,723
Utah N Post Merger Post-MSP_QF	632,177	46,396	49,136	55,415	53,863	62,149	61,998	48,793	55,340	48,604	50,933	45,574
Utah S Post Merger Post-MSP_QF	632,177	46,396	49,136	55,415	53,863	62,149	61,998	48,793	55,340	48,604	50,933	45,574
Washington Post Merger Post-MSP_QF	218,736	0	0	19	8,001	21,996	37,135	51,373	52,945	35,398	11,871	0
Wyoming Pre Merger Pre-MSP_QF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming Post Merger Pre-MSP_QF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming Post Merger Post-MSP_QF	86,184	10,091	8,471	10,115	6,257	4,967	2,992	8,382	7,360	4,207	5,944	6,878
Biomass One_OR_QF	16,515,565	1,240,650	1,202,754	1,328,737	1,605,809	1,642,614	1,605,809	1,455,965	1,407,485	1,392,619	1,454,920	1,426,918
DCFP_OR_QF	117,193	3,577	3,577	3,513	3,059	3,059	4,880	19,721	22,137	26,416	12,083	7,311
Roseburg Dillard_CA_QF	982,171	43,523	50,277	26,541	102,566	104,709	88,024	164,486	131,434	66,115	76,189	75,916
Sunnyside Base_UT_QF	25,446,689	1,926,944	1,794,251	2,230,743	1,509,783	2,271,849	2,438,937	2,404,628	2,262,028	1,952,501	2,278,541	2,097,630
Sunnyside Additional_UT_QF	5,496,514	411,090	368,623	462,527	451,598	469,488	470,673	491,970	467,826	474,327	499,990	489,990
Tesoro_UT_QF	296,096	46,096	34,206	27,450	19,189	25,292	6,946	13,491	20,976	19,011	19,842	20,127
Total Other Qualifying Facilities	83,824,486	6,324,381	6,016,080	7,019,693	7,023,032	8,111,890	7,843,402	7,748,542	7,418,278	7,135,433	6,517,542	6,622,704
Total Qualifying Facilities	336,766,909	22,858,731	24,076,161	28,478,382	30,092,352	30,942,132	32,465,481	34,292,398	32,776,265	28,778,562	25,831,208	22,267,764

Rocky Mountain Power
Exhibit 10.3
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BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Ramon J. Mitchell
Net Power Cost GRID Test Report

March 2023

GRID Test NPC Report																
PacifiCorp	01/21-12/21	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	Net Power Cost Analysis				Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	
						May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21							
12 months ended December 2021																
Special Sales For Resale																
Long Term Firm Sales																
Black Hills	7,532,217	735,605	518,304	481,626	474,039	433,303	595,216	737,682	733,885	726,030	643,094	706,458	746,974			
Hurricane Sale	7,474	623	623	623	623	623	623	623	623	623	623	623	623			
Leaning Juniper Revenue	105,254	7,601	7,384	9,260	5,355	4,684	6,043	14,266	16,102	10,939	7,961	6,724	8,936			
Total Long Term Firm Sales	7,644,944	743,829	526,310	491,509	480,016	438,610	601,882	752,571	750,609	737,591	651,677	713,806	756,552			
Short Term Firm Sales																
COB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four Corners	21,354,660	3,522,890	2,974,080	3,095,370	1,977,600	1,958,400	1,977,600	-	-	-	1,971,460	1,905,800	1,971,460			
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Mead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Mid Columbia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Mona	7,750,000	1,277,800	1,202,400	1,345,800	338,000	325,000	338,000	-	-	-	985,000	953,000	985,000			
NOB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Palo Verde	23,424,050	3,801,450	3,397,800	3,751,050	1,877,100	1,834,950	1,877,100	-	-	-	2,320,550	2,243,500	2,320,550			
SP15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
West Main	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Electric Swaps Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
STF Trading Margin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
STF Index Trades	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Total Short Term Firm Sales	52,528,710	8,602,140	7,574,280	8,192,220	4,192,700	4,118,350	4,192,700	-	-	-	5,277,010	5,102,300	5,277,010			
System Balancing Sales																
COB	29,651,914	3,332,735	2,357,695	1,898,661	1,035,907	1,048,019	1,760,434	2,240,054	2,231,577	2,100,152	3,520,890	3,894,654	4,231,137			
Four Corners	39,704,708	3,303,662	3,448,953	2,009,392	1,765,495	1,113,323	640,820	6,174,110	5,483,323	5,864,117	3,124,169	3,104,731	3,672,614			
Mead	32,132,100	4,416,682	3,016,064	1,456,847	948,624	1,219,709	1,728,477	2,297,774	3,511,400	3,195,582	3,421,497	3,562,410	3,357,034			
Mid Columbia	44,001,091	3,786,533	803,610	528,753	2,209,685	1,371,110	2,444,523	6,701,841	7,389,368	7,080,796	4,269,499	4,171,327	3,244,045			
Mona	19,491,384	1,825,358	547,950	233,377	784,958	995,043	1,432,010	2,289,681	2,400,963	5,463,776	1,324,799	1,133,092	1,060,377			
NOB	6,320,250	-	14,777	588,915	784,080	22,523	47,501	1,252,386	1,907,945	654,601	26,842	11,956	1,008,724			
Palo Verde	29,896,139	447,443	(13,689)	18,916	942,147	1,047,494	1,457,472	8,639,102	9,586,551	6,248,536	5,144,470	363,107	644,590			
Trapped Energy	1,403	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,403	-			
Total System Balancing Sales	201,198,989	17,112,413	10,175,360	6,734,861	8,470,896	6,817,222	9,511,238	29,594,947	32,511,127	30,607,559	16,202,167	16,242,679	17,218,521			
Total Special Sales For Resale	261,372,642	26,456,383	18,275,950	15,418,569	13,143,612	11,374,182	14,305,819	30,347,518	33,261,736	31,345,151	22,130,854	22,058,785	23,252,063			

Purchased Power & Net Interchange												
Long Term Firm Purchases												
APS Supplemental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cedar Springs Wind	11,723,273	1,348,849	1,095,201	1,032,244	1,016,035	830,825	743,881	742,782	585,990	827,498	1,090,534	1,088,343
Cedar Springs Wind III	8,908,095	1,025,294	832,067	784,236	772,110	631,271	565,348	564,366	445,200	628,830	828,668	811,823
Combine Hills Wind	5,369,068	372,723	451,621	547,613	465,612	400,323	450,323	451,804	378,748	359,961	289,769	456,360
Cove Mountain Solar	3,863,906	185,318	194,698	339,380	369,458	425,244	457,335	443,628	419,763	359,961	289,769	208,202
Cove Mountain Solar II	343,571	28,534	28,675	28,713	28,701	28,534	28,701	28,624	28,624	28,609	28,624	28,609
Deseret Purchase	33,416,953	2,792,679	2,843,532	2,655,765	2,590,568	2,494,076	2,584,049	2,979,142	2,879,142	2,947,847	2,946,543	2,667,501
Douglas PUD Settlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eagle Mountain - UAMPS/UMPA	2,615,653	156,892	141,048	125,873	128,817	154,170	284,603	436,745	407,435	241,073	156,349	153,679
Gemstate	1,717,824	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152	143,152
Hunter Solar	7,122,324	374,917	425,031	647,514	675,791	770,602	797,429	758,093	712,635	664,479	567,050	402,182
Hurricane Purchase	165,480	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790	13,790
MagCorp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MagCorp Reserves	4,828,040	401,000	392,980	401,000	409,020	401,000	409,020	413,030	392,980	388,970	372,930	433,080
Millican Solar	2,646,179	68,661	138,221	204,961	257,983	306,199	333,290	375,334	331,656	266,914	174,771	111,940
Millford Solar	7,081,219	358,636	412,994	609,192	677,611	796,634	839,927	747,990	720,080	671,702	541,717	394,020
Nucor	7,129,800	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150	594,150
Old Mill Solar	860,113	27,048	47,956	54,277	82,521	102,914	122,984	114,920	97,817	85,923	61,501	35,152
Monsanto Reserves	19,989,989	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	1,666,667
Pavant III Solar	2,693,193	112,247	140,376	230,428	259,149	310,804	322,999	305,697	292,254	260,260	214,705	107,129
PGE Cove	154,785	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899	12,899
Primeville Solar	1,785,505	82,013	91,830	136,171	171,397	203,430	221,430	249,362	220,343	177,331	116,113	74,370
Rock River Wind	3,949,010	647,624	502,957	528,679	435,960	284,843	262,621	181,185	193,222	262,771	490,382	158,766
Sigurd Solar	2,905,571	-	-	-	-	-	23,671	660,236	605,234	565,052	498,516	322,228
Small Purchases east	14,288	1,173	1,213	1,172	1,172	1,233	1,203	1,226	1,202	1,153	1,157	1,209
Small Purchases west	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soda Lake Geothermal	8,293,074	822,678	726,727	767,161	706,202	682,900	572,444	516,493	545,404	595,645	725,353	782,463
Three Buttes Wind	20,662,796	2,790,663	1,806,921	2,135,557	1,618,738	1,425,615	1,202,984	807,052	950,561	1,186,424	1,734,559	2,352,376
Top of the World Wind	40,686,138	5,436,527	3,612,759	4,244,151	3,270,658	2,907,364	2,399,806	1,720,417	1,872,120	2,296,841	3,513,203	4,491,632
Wolverine Creek Wind	10,259,065	760,539	888,633	1,132,686	1,040,512	787,596	844,716	669,522	637,857	752,718	827,852	962,861
Long Term Firm Purchases Total	209,204,921	20,224,670	17,206,098	19,037,430	17,490,397	16,441,523	15,849,432	15,598,304	15,248,923	15,998,428	17,943,153	18,484,599
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