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Witness: Nikki L. Kobliha

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

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1                   **I.       INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

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

4   A.     My name is Nikki L. Koblaha and my business address is 825 NE Multnomah Street,  
5       Suite 1900, Portland, Oregon 97232. I am currently employed as Vice President, Chief  
6       Financial Officer and Treasurer for PacifiCorp. I am testifying for PacifiCorp d/b/a  
7       Rocky Mountain Power (“PacifiCorp” or the “Company”).

8   **Q.     Please describe your education and professional experience.**

9   A.     I received a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting  
10       from the University of Portland in 1994. I became a Certified Public Accountant in  
11       1996. I joined PacifiCorp in 1997 and have taken on roles of increasing responsibility  
12       before being appointed Chief Financial Officer in 2015. I am responsible for all aspects  
13       of PacifiCorp’s finance, accounting, income tax, internal audit, Securities and  
14       Exchange Commission reporting, treasury, credit risk management, pension, and other  
15       investment management activities.

16                   **II.       SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

17   **Q.     Please summarize the purpose of your direct testimony.**

18   A.     I support PacifiCorp’s overall cost of capital recommendation, including a capital  
19       structure with a common equity level of 51.27 percent, the proposed cost of long-term  
20       debt of 4.77 percent, and cost of preferred stock of 6.75 percent.

21   **Q.     What is the purpose of the cost of capital recommendation?**

22   A.     The Company’s proposed capital structure with a common equity level of 51.27 percent  
23       is required to maintain PacifiCorp’s current credit ratings, which provides for a more

1 competitive cost of debt. The overall cost of capital facilitates continued access by the  
 2 Company to the debt capital markets over the long term to the benefit of customers.  
 3 This capital structure enables the Company's continued investment in infrastructure to  
 4 provide safe and reliable service from new cost-effective energy resources at  
 5 reasonable costs.

6 **Q. What overall cost of capital do you recommend for PacifiCorp?**

7 A. PacifiCorp proposes an overall cost of capital of 7.60 percent. This cost includes the  
 8 return on equity recommendation of 10.30 percent, supported by the direct testimony  
 9 of Ms. Ann E. Bulkley, and the capital structure and costs shown in Table 1.

10 **Table 1: Overall Cost of Capital**

Component	\$m	% of Total	Cost %	Weighted Ave Cost %
Long-Term Debt	\$11,285	48.72%	4.77%	2.32%
Preferred Stock	\$2	0.01%	6.75%	0.00%
Common Stock Equity	\$11,874	51.27%	10.30%	5.28%
	\$23,161	100.00%		7.60%

11 **Q. What time period does your analysis cover?**

12 A. The capital structure for the Company is measured over the calendar year 2024 test  
 13 period proposed in this proceeding using an average of the five quarter-ending balances  
 14 spanning the 12-month period ending December 31, 2024, based on known and  
 15 measurable changes through December 31, 2024. Similarly, the costs of the long-term  
 16 debt and preferred stock are an average of the costs measured for each of the five  
 17 quarter-ending balances spanning the 12-month calendar year 2024 test period, using  
 18 the Company's actual costs adjusted for known and measurable changes through  
 19 December 31, 2024.

1 RMP Exhibit 3.1, Capital Structure Components rolls forward long-term debt  
2 and equity balances starting from the 12-month historical period ended June 30, 2022  
3 (base period) and continues through the calendar year 2024 (test period) in addition to  
4 providing short-term debt balances and information on available lines of credit.<sup>1</sup>

### 5 III. FINANCING OVERVIEW

6 **Q. Please explain PacifiCorp’s need for and sources of new capital.**

7 A. PacifiCorp requires capital to meet its customers’ needs for new cost-effective  
8 transmission and renewable generation, increased reliability, improved power delivery,  
9 and safe operations. PacifiCorp also needs new capital to fund long-term debt  
10 maturities.

11 PacifiCorp expects to spend approximately \$10.6 billion in capital expenditures  
12 from 2023 through 2025 with significant investments in renewable energy projects and  
13 related transmission. This capital spending will require PacifiCorp to raise funds by  
14 issuing new long-term debt in the debt capital markets, retaining earnings, and if  
15 needed, obtaining new capital contributions from its parent company, Berkshire  
16 Hathaway Energy Company (“BHE”).

17 **Q. How does PacifiCorp finance its electric utility operations?**

18 A. Generally, PacifiCorp finances its regulated utility operations using a mix of debt and  
19 common equity capital of approximately 48/52 percent, respectively. During periods of  
20 significant capital expenditures, as expected to continue beyond the 2024 test period  
21 for potential new investments, which were identified in PacifiCorp’s 2021 Integrated

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the Order in Company’s last general rate case, Docket No. 20000-578-ER-20, data in RMP Exhibit 3.1 is being provided in accordance with New Mexico Administrative Code Part 3, Sections 17.1.3.12 through 17.1.3.18 (“New Mexico Rules”). In his testimony, Mr. Highsmith discusses the New Mexico Rules and the Company’s compliance in further detail.

1 Resource Plan (“IRP”) and the 2021 IRP Update action plans, the Company will need  
2 to maintain an average common equity component in excess of 51 percent to maintain  
3 its credit rating and finance the debt component of the capital structure at the lowest  
4 reasonable cost to customers. Maintaining the Company’s credit rating will provide  
5 more flexibility on the type and timing of debt financing, better access to debt capital  
6 markets, a more competitive cost of debt, and over the long-run, more stable credit  
7 ratings.

8 The following quote from a finance textbook written by Roger Morin also  
9 supports the Company’s current position:

10 The optimal capital structure...suggests that long-term  
11 achievement of a single A credit rating is in a utility company’s  
12 and its ratepayers best interests. Debt leverage targets should be  
13 set in the lower part of the range required to attain this optimal  
14 rating. If the company maintains its debt ratio close to the  
15 optimal range required for a single A bond rating, its overall cost  
16 of capital should be minimized.<sup>2</sup>

17 PacifiCorp currently has a Moody/Standard & Poor’s (“S&P”) bond issuer credit rating  
18 of A3/A, which is considered a single A credit rating, and as suggested from the  
19 textbook will minimize its overall cost of capital.

20 **Q. How does PacifiCorp determine the levels of common equity, debt, and preferred  
21 stock to include in its capital structure?**

22 A. As a regulated public utility, PacifiCorp has a duty and an obligation to provide safe,  
23 adequate, and reliable service to customers in its Wyoming service area while prudently  
24 balancing cost and risk. Major capital expenditures are required in the near-term for  
25 new plant investment to fulfill its service obligation, including capital expenditures for

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<sup>2</sup> Roger A. Morin, PhD, *New Regulatory Finance, Public Utilities Reports, Inc, Virginia 2006, p.471.*

1 new transmission and new generation investments. These capital investments also have  
2 associated operating and maintenance costs. As part of its annual business plan process,  
3 PacifiCorp reviews all of its estimated cash inflows and outflows to determine the  
4 amount, timing, and type of new financing required to support these activities and  
5 provide for financial results and credit ratings that balance the cost of capital with  
6 continued access to the financial markets.

7 **Q. How does PacifiCorp manage its dividends to BHE?**

8 A. PacifiCorp benefits from its affiliation with BHE as there is no dividend requirement.  
9 PacifiCorp pays dividends to BHE to manage the common equity component of the  
10 capital structure to keep the Company's overall cost of capital at a prudent level. In  
11 major capital investment periods, PacifiCorp is able to retain earnings to help finance  
12 capital investments and forgo paying dividends to BHE. For example, following BHE's  
13 acquisition of PacifiCorp in 2006, PacifiCorp managed the capital structure through the  
14 timing and amount of long-term debt issuances and capital contributions from BHE,  
15 while forgoing any common dividends for nearly five years. At other times, absent the  
16 payment of dividends, retention of earnings could cause the percentage of common  
17 equity to grow beyond the level necessary to support the current credit ratings.  
18 Accordingly, dividend payments can be necessary, in combination with debt issuances,  
19 to maintain the appropriate percentage of equity in PacifiCorp's capital structure.

20 **Q. What type of debt does PacifiCorp use in meeting its financing requirements?**

21 A. PacifiCorp has completed the majority of its recent long-term financing using secured  
22 first mortgage bonds issued under the Mortgage Indenture dated January 9, 1989. RMP  
23 Exhibit 3.2, Pro forma Cost of Long-Term Debt, shows that, over the test period,

1 PacifiCorp is projected to have an average of approximately \$11.1 billion of first  
 2 mortgage bonds outstanding, with an average cost of 4.79 percent. Presently, all  
 3 outstanding first mortgage bonds bear interest at fixed rates. Proceeds from the issuance  
 4 of the first mortgage bonds (and other financing instruments) are used to finance the  
 5 utility operation.

6 Another important source of financing in the past has been the tax-exempt  
 7 financing associated with certain qualifying equipment at power generation plants.  
 8 Under arrangements with local counties and other tax-exempt entities, these entities  
 9 issue securities, PacifiCorp borrows the proceeds of these issuances and pledges its  
 10 credit quality to repay the debt to take advantage of the tax-exempt status of the  
 11 financing. During the 12 months ending December 31, 2024, PacifiCorp's tax-exempt  
 12 portfolio is projected to be approximately \$185 million, with an average cost of  
 13 3.71 percent, including the cost of issuance and remarketing.

#### 14 **Credit Ratings**

15 **Q. What are PacifiCorp's current credit ratings?**

16 A. PacifiCorp's current ratings are shown in Table 2.

17 **Table 2: PacifiCorp Credit Ratings**

	Moody's	S&P's
Senior Secured Debt	A1	A+
Senior Unsecured Debt	A3	A
Outlook	Stable	Stable

18 **Q. How does the maintenance of PacifiCorp's current credit rating benefit**  
 19 **customers?**

20 A. First, the credit rating of a utility has a direct impact on the price that a utility pays to  
 21 attract the capital necessary to support its current and future operating needs. Many

1 institutional investors have fiduciary responsibilities to their clients, and are typically  
2 not permitted to purchase non-investment grade (*i.e.*, rated below Baa3/BBB-)  
3 securities or in some cases even securities rated below a single A rating. A solid credit  
4 rating directly benefits customers by reducing the immediate and future borrowing  
5 costs related to the financing needed to support regulatory obligations.

6 Second, credit ratings are an estimate of the probability of default by the issuer  
7 on each rated security. Lower ratings equate to higher risks and higher costs of debt.  
8 The Great Recession of 2008-2009 provides a clear and compelling example of the  
9 benefits of the Company's credit rating because PacifiCorp was able to issue new long-  
10 term debt during the midst of the financial turmoil. Other lower-rated utilities were shut  
11 out of the market and could not obtain new capital.

12 Third, PacifiCorp has a near constant need for short-term liquidity as well as  
13 periodic long-term debt issuances. PacifiCorp pays significant amounts daily to  
14 suppliers whom we count on to provide necessary goods and services, such as fuel,  
15 energy, and inventory. Being unable to access funds can risk the successful completion  
16 of necessary capital infrastructure projects and would increase the chance of outages  
17 and service failures over the long term.

18 PacifiCorp's creditworthiness, as reflected in its credit ratings, will strongly  
19 influence its ability to attract capital in the competitive markets and the resulting costs  
20 of that capital.

21 **Q. Please provide examples where poor credit ratings hurt a utility's flexibility in the**  
22 **credit markets.**

23 A. During the Great Recession in 2008, Arizona Public Service Company (rated



1 Baa2/BBB- at that time) filed a letter with the Arizona Corporation Commission in  
2 October 2008 stating that the commercial paper market was completely closed to it and  
3 it likely could not successfully issue long-term debt.<sup>3</sup>

4 Further, those issuers who could access the markets paid rates well above the  
5 levels that PacifiCorp was able to obtain. For example, PacifiCorp issued new 10-year  
6 and 30-year long-term debt in January 2009 with 5.50 percent and 6.00 percent coupon  
7 rates, respectively. Subsequently, Puget Sound Energy (rated Baa2/A- at that time)  
8 issued new seven-year debt at a credit spread over Treasuries of 480.3 basis points  
9 resulting in a 6.75 percent coupon.

10 **Q. Can regulatory actions or orders affect PacifiCorp's credit rating?**

11 A. Yes. Regulated utilities such as PacifiCorp are unique in that they cannot unilaterally  
12 set the price for their services. The financial integrity of a regulated utility is largely a  
13 result of the prudence of utility operations and the corresponding prices set by  
14 regulators. Rates are established by regulators to permit the utility to recover prudently  
15 incurred operating expenses and a reasonable opportunity to earn a fair return on the  
16 capital invested.

17 Rating agencies and investors have a keen understanding of the importance of  
18 regulatory outcomes. For example, S&P has opined on the correlation between  
19 regulatory outcomes and credit ratings, concluding:

20 Although not common, rate case outcomes can sometimes lead  
21 directly to a change in our opinion of creditworthiness. Often it's a  
22 case that takes on greater importance because of the issues being  
23 litigated. For example, in 2010, we downgraded Florida Power &  
24 Light and its affiliates following a Florida Public Service  
25 Commission rate ruling that attracted attention due to drastic  
26 changes to settled practices on rate case particulars like depreciation

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<sup>3</sup> See RMP Exhibit 3.3.

1 rates. More recently, in June 2016, we downgraded Central Hudson  
2 Electric & Gas due to our revised opinion of regulatory risk. While  
3 that reflected the company's own management of regulatory risk, it  
4 was prompted in part by other rate case decisions in New York that  
5 highlighted the overall risk in the state.<sup>4</sup>

6 Similarly, Moody's recently issued a credit opinion for PacifiCorp, concluding:

7 The stable outlook incorporates our expectation that PacifiCorp will  
8 continue to receive reasonable regulatory treatment, and that  
9 funding requirements will be financed in a manner consistent with  
10 management's commitment to maintain a healthy financial profile.

11 .... The ratings could be downgraded if PacifiCorp's capital  
12 expenditures are funded in a manner inconsistent with its current  
13 financial profile, or if adverse regulatory rulings lower its credit  
14 metrics, as demonstrated for example, by a ratio of CFO pre-WC to  
15 debt remaining below 19%.<sup>5</sup>

16 In addition, the Company notes a downgrade of American Electric Power  
17 ("AEP") Company, Inc. and utility subsidiaries AEP Texas, Ohio Power and Public  
18 Service of Oklahoma by Moody's.<sup>6</sup> Drivers for the downgrade all reference weakened  
19 financial profiles that are driven by large capital programs and an increased use of  
20 leverage. The increased use of leverage combined with lower authorized revenues  
21 would cause metrics to decline below current levels "as AEP plans to increase leverage  
22 at AEP Texas to align more closely with its approved capital structure."<sup>7</sup> An updated  
23 credit opinion on American Electric Power Company specifically notes deterioration  
24 of its previously strong credit metrics as the primary driver behind their downgrade.

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<sup>4</sup> S&P Ratings Direct, *Assessing U.S. Investor-Owned Utility Regulatory Environments* (Aug. 10, 2016), at 4.

<sup>5</sup> Moody's Credit Opinion, *PacifiCorp Update to Credit Analysis* (June 30, 2021), at 2.

<sup>6</sup> Moody's Investor Service, Ratings Action (Aug. 6, 2020).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

1 This action further demonstrates the importance of the cash flow from operations  
2 excluding changes in working capital or “CFO pre-W/C” to debt ratio to Moody’s when  
3 determining ratings.

4 As discussed in the testimony of Ms. Bulkley, Section VIII., Regulatory and  
5 Business Risk, the regulatory environment and the rate decisions by utility  
6 commissions have a direct and significant impact on the financial condition of utilities.

7 **Q. How does PacifiCorp’s current credit ratings benefit customers?**

8 A. PacifiCorp is in the midst of a period of major capital spending and investing in cost-  
9 effective infrastructure to provide electric service that is reliable, clean, and affordable.  
10 If PacifiCorp does not have consistent access to the capital markets at reasonable costs,  
11 these borrowings and the resulting costs of building new facilities become more  
12 expensive than they otherwise would be. The inability to access financial markets can  
13 threaten the completion of necessary projects and can impact system reliability and  
14 customer safety. Maintaining the current single A credit rating makes it more likely  
15 PacifiCorp will have access to the debt capital markets at reasonable costs even during  
16 periods of financial turmoil.

17 **Q. Can you provide an example of how the current ratings have benefited customers?**

18 A. Yes. One example is PacifiCorp’s ability to significantly reduce its cost of long-term  
19 debt primarily through obtaining new financings at very attractive interest rates. The  
20 lower cost of debt benefits customers through a lower overall rate of return and lower  
21 revenue requirement.

22 To determine the savings realized from maintaining a higher credit rating, in  
23 RMP Exhibit 3.4 New Debt Issue Spreads, I compare the actual effective interest rate

1 on the Company's existing as well as pro-forma long-term debt forecasted to be  
 2 outstanding during the calendar year 2024 test period, which was issued since its  
 3 acquisition by BHE in 2006, comprising 20 series of debt, to what the effective interest  
 4 rate would have been with a BBB credit rating. The spread of each issuance was  
 5 changed to match what a BBB rated utility achieved at about the same point in time  
 6 that PacifiCorp issued the debt. The total result for the 20 series of debt averaging  
 7 \$10.2 billion over the test period, would have been an effective average interest rate of  
 8 approximately 5.07 percent or 43 basis points higher than the actual effective interest  
 9 rate. Combined with the existing pre-acquisition debt, the resulting overall cost of long-  
 10 term debt would increase to 5.16 percent if the Company had a BBB rating. PacifiCorp  
 11 is currently projecting an overall cost of long-term debt of 4.77 percent, or  
 12 approximately 39 basis points lower than it might have otherwise been under the  
 13 scenario I described above.

14 Table 3 below shows the reduction in the Company's cost of long-term debt  
 15 since 2010.

16 **Table 3: PacifiCorp's Cost of Long-Term Debt**

	2023 GRC Effective 2024	20000-578- ER-20 July 2021	20000-469- ER-15 Dec 2016	20000-446- ER-14 Jan 2015	20000-405- ER-11 Mar 2013	20000-384- ER-10 Dec 2011	20000-352- ER-09 Dec 2010
Cost of Long- Term Debt	4.77%	4.79%	5.189%	5.20%	5.36%	5.81%	5.98%

17 PacifiCorp's customers have benefited from a 121 basis points (1.21 percent) reduction  
 18 in the Company's cost of long-term debt. The Company estimates that this reduction in  
 19 the average cost of debt since 2010 results in a decrease of approximately \$13.5 million  
 20 in the revenue requirement in the current case. Customers have also benefited from the

1 Company's ability to negotiate lower underwriting fees on long-term debt issuances  
2 through BHE's global underwriting fee position.

3 **Q. Are there other identifiable advantages to a favorable rating?**

4 A. Yes. Higher-rated companies have greater access to the long-term markets for power  
5 purchases and sales. This access provides these companies with more alternatives to  
6 meet the current and future load requirements of their customers. Additionally, a  
7 company with strong ratings will often avoid having to meet costly collateral  
8 requirements that are typically imposed on lower-rated companies when securing  
9 power in these markets.

10 In my opinion, maintaining the current single A rating provides the best balance  
11 between costs and continued access to the capital markets, which is necessary to fund  
12 capital projects for the benefit of customers.

13 **Q. Is the proposed capital structure consistent with PacifiCorp's current credit  
14 rating?**

15 A. Yes. This capital structure is intended to help the Company deliver its required capital  
16 expenditures and achieve financial metrics that will meet rating agency expectations.

17 **Q. Does PacifiCorp's credit rating benefit because of BHE and its parent Berkshire  
18 Hathaway Inc. ("BHI")?**

19 A. Yes. Although ring-fenced, PacifiCorp's credit ratios have been weak for the ratings  
20 level. PacifiCorp has been able to sustain its ratings in part through the acquisition by  
21 BHE and its parent, BHI. S&P was clear on this point in its June 2022 assessment of  
22 PacifiCorp:

23 Under our group rating methodology, we consider PacifiCorp to be  
24 a core subsidiary of BHE with a group credit profile of 'a'. The core

1 status reflects our view that PacifiCorp is highly unlikely to be sold,  
2 has strong long-term commitment from senior management, is  
3 successful at what it does, and contributes meaningfully to the  
4 group. Accordingly, given its core status and BHE's group credit  
5 profile of 'a', the issuer credit rating on PacifiCorp is 'A'.<sup>8</sup>

6 Moody's states in their June 2021 credit opinion of PacifiCorp:

7 PacifiCorp benefits from its affiliation with Berkshire Hathaway  
8 Inc., which requires no regular dividends from PacifiCorp or BHE.  
9 From a credit perspective, the company's ability to retain its  
10 earnings as an entity that is privately held, particularly by a deep-  
11 pocketed sponsor like Berkshire Hathaway Inc., is an advantage  
12 over most other investor owned utilities that are typically held to a  
13 regular dividend to their shareholders. PacifiCorp currently pays  
14 dividends that are sized to manage its equity ratio (as measured by  
15 unadjusted equity to equity plus long term debt) around its allowed  
16 levels of slightly higher than 50% (regulations restrict dividends if  
17 this ratio falls below 44%). As of December 2020, PacifiCorp  
18 reports its actual equity percentage, as calculated under this test, was  
19 53%.<sup>9</sup>

20 These examples are evidence of the credit rating benefit resulting from BHE's  
21 ownership of PacifiCorp.

22 **Q. Does ownership by BHE, and ultimately BHI, mean PacifiCorp is protected from**  
23 **a ratings downgrade if PacifiCorp does not manage its own risks?**

24 A. No. As noted above PacifiCorp is part of a group rating methodology where S&P  
25 considers PacifiCorp to be core to BHE, which has a group credit profile of 'a'. The  
26 core status reflects S&P's view that PacifiCorp is highly unlikely to be sold, has a  
27 strong long-term commitment from senior management, is successful at what it does,  
28 and contributes significantly to the group. However, in a Research Update issued by  
29 S&P on June 23, 2022, regarding PacifiCorp, S&P revised their assessment of  
30 PacifiCorp's business risk to reflect their view of PacifiCorp's increasing susceptibility

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<sup>8</sup> S&P Ratings Direct, *PacifiCorp Ratings Affirmed, Outlook Stable* (June 23, 2022), at 3.

<sup>9</sup> Moody's Credit Opinion, *PacifiCorp Update to Credit Analysis* (June 30, 2021), at 8.

1 to wildfires that have intensified across the Western United States. S&P revised their  
2 assessment of PacifiCorp’s comparable ratings analysis (“CRA”) modifier to negative,  
3 which resulted in PacifiCorp’s stand-alone credit profile (“SACP”) being lowered from  
4 ‘a-’ to ‘bbb+’. This action does not currently affect PacifiCorp’s issuer credit rating nor  
5 did it change the ‘Excellent’ business risk. What this action does is show although  
6 PacifiCorp is core to BHE and as such receives the group credit profile of ‘a’, its  
7 wildfire risk is large enough that S&P lowered PacifiCorp’s SACP and said that “we  
8 could also lower PacifiCorp’s ratings if there is a weakening of the relationship between  
9 PacifiCorp and parent BHE.”<sup>10</sup> The statement that S&P could lower PacifiCorp’s  
10 ratings if the relationship between BHE and PacifiCorp weakens is significant as it  
11 shows that PacifiCorp is not fully protected by the BHI halo and that it needs to manage  
12 its risk, earn a reasonable return and maintain a solid credit rating in order to maintain  
13 access to the debt capital markets at a reasonable cost. The equity component of the  
14 capital structure proposed in this case is set at a level intended to support the credit  
15 metrics communicated to the rating agencies and maintain that strong position.

#### 16 IV. CAPITAL STRUCTURE DETERMINATION

17 **Q. How did the Company determine its recommended capital structure?**

18 A. The capital structure is based on the actual capital structure at December 31, 2022 and  
19 forecasted capital activity, including known and measurable changes, through  
20 December 31, 2024. PacifiCorp averaged the five quarter-end capital structures  
21 measured beginning at December 31, 2023, and concluding with December 31, 2024,  
22 resulting in a capital structure with an equity component of 51.27 percent. The capital

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<sup>10</sup> S&P Ratings Direct, *PacifiCorp Ratings Affirmed, Outlook Stable* (June 23, 2022), at 2.

1 activity includes known maturities of certain debt issues that were outstanding at  
2 December 31, 2022, subsequent issuances of long-term debt, and any capital  
3 contributions received or dividends paid. The known and measurable changes represent  
4 forecasted capital activity since December 31, 2022.

5 **Q. Why does the Company propose a capital structure calculated using a five-quarter**  
6 **average?**

7 A. This approach smooths volatility in the capital structure, which will fluctuate as the  
8 Company expends capital, issues or retires debt, retains earnings, or declares dividends.  
9 Additionally, this approach is consistent with past Wyoming Public Service  
10 Commission (“Commission”) decisions for the Company, including in the Company’s  
11 general rate cases in 2020 and 2015.<sup>11</sup>

12 **Q. How does the Company’s proposed capital structure compare to the equity ratio**  
13 **of the utility operating company proxy group found in RMP Exhibit 4.11 of Ms.**  
14 **Bulkley’s testimony?**

15 A. Ms. Bulkley’s exhibit shows the low, high and median of the proxy group average  
16 equity ratios are 45.95 percent, 61.06 percent and 53.18 percent, respectively. The  
17 Company’s proposed capital structure is well within this range.

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<sup>11</sup> *In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Increase Rates*, Docket No. 20000-578-ER-20 (Record No. 15464), Memorandum Opinion, Findings and Order (July 15, 2021); *In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of a General Rate Increase in its Retail Electric Utility Service Rates in Wyoming of \$32.4 Million per Year or 4.5 Percent*, Docket No. 20000-469-ER-15 (Record No. 14076), Memorandum Opinion, Findings of Fact, Decision and Order (Dec. 30, 2015).



1 **Q. How does the Company’s proposed capital structure compare to recent actual**  
 2 **capital structures and to the capital structure authorized in PacifiCorp’s last**  
 3 **general rate case (“GRC”), Docket No. 20000-578-ER-20 (“2020 Rate Case”)?**

4 A. The capital structures are compared in Table 4 below.

5 **Table 4: Forecast and Actual Capital Structures**

PacifiCorp’s Comparison of % Capital Structures						
	Dec 31, 2024 Forecast*	Dec 31, 2023 Forecast*	Dec 31, 2022 Actual*	Dec 31, 2021 Actual*	Dec 31, 2020 Actual*	20000-578-ER-20 Capital Structure
Long-Term Debt	48.72 %	48.56 %	46.69 %	47.69 %	48.49 %	48.99 %
Preferred Stock	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %
Common Equity	51.27 %	51.43 %	53.30 %	52.30 %	51.50 %	51.00 %
Totals	100.00 %	100.00 %	100.00 %	100.00 %	100.00 %	100.00 %

\*Five quarter-end average % Capital Structure calculated for trailing 12 month period ending.

6 The percentage decrease in the common equity component of the capital  
 7 structure from the actual December 31, 2022 five-quarter average to that projected for  
 8 the 2024 forecast test period is due to debt issuances in excess of maturities over the  
 9 period and common dividend payment in 2023. These steps were taken in order to  
 10 manage the common equity percentage close to what was approved by the Commission  
 11 in the last GRC and to that requested by the Company in the current GRC.

## 12 V. FINANCING COST CALCULATIONS

13 **Q. How did you calculate the Company’s embedded costs of long-term debt and**  
 14 **preferred stock?**

15 A. Consistent with my determination of the percentage capital structure discussed  
 16 previously, I have similarly calculated the embedded costs of debt and preferred stock

1 as an average of the five quarter-end cost calculations spanning the test period,  
2 beginning at December 31, 2023, and concluding with December 31, 2024.

3 **Q. Please explain the cost of long-term debt calculation.**

4 A. I calculated the embedded cost of debt using the methodology relied upon in the  
5 Company's previous rate cases in Wyoming and other jurisdictions. More specifically,  
6 I calculated the cost of debt by issue, based on each debt series' interest rate and net  
7 proceeds at the issuance date, to produce a bond yield to maturity for each series of  
8 debt outstanding as of each of the five quarter-ending dates spanning the 12-month  
9 calendar year 2024 test period. It should be noted that in the event a bond was issued  
10 to refinance a higher cost bond, the pre-tax premium and unamortized costs, if any,  
11 associated with the refinancing were subtracted from the net proceeds of the bonds that  
12 were issued. Each bond yield was then multiplied by the principal amount outstanding  
13 of each debt issue, resulting in an annualized cost of each debt issue. Aggregating the  
14 annual cost of each debt issue produces the total annualized cost of debt. Dividing the  
15 total annualized cost of debt by the total principal amount of debt outstanding produces  
16 the weighted average cost for all debt issues.

17 **Q. Please describe the changes to the amount of outstanding long-term debt between**  
18 **December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2024.**

19 A. Approximately \$874 million and \$166 million of the Company's fixed rate and variable  
20 rate long-term debt, respectively, will mature during this period and I have therefore  
21 removed this debt when appropriate in the determination of the proposed average cost  
22 of debt. Also, as reflected in RMP Exhibit 3.2, Pro forma Cost of Long-Term Debt, the

1 Company anticipates new fixed rate long-term debt during the period, a 10- and 30-  
2 year split term issuances totaling \$1.2 billion in 2023 and \$1.7 billion in 2024.

3 **Q. Regarding the \$1.2 billion of new long-term issuances in 2023, how did you**  
4 **determine the interest rate and resulting cost for this new long-term debt?**

5 A. The Company's current estimated credit spread for 10-year and 30-year debt is 1.05 and  
6 1.30 percent, respectively. The recent forward 10-year and 30-year U.S. Treasury rates  
7 for June 2023 are approximately 3.33 and 3.47 percent, respectively. Issuance costs for  
8 10-year and 30-year debt of this type adds approximately 0.08 and 0.05 percent to the  
9 all-in cost, respectively. Therefore, as reflected in RMP Exhibit 3.2, Pro forma Cost of  
10 Long-Term Debt, the Company projects a total all-in cost of long-term debt of 4.46  
11 percent and 4.82 percent, respectively, for each of the \$600 million projected new 10-  
12 year and 30-year long-term debt issuances in June 2023.

13 **Q. Regarding the \$1.7 billion of new long-term issuances in 2024, how did you**  
14 **determine the interest rate and resulting cost for this new long-term debt?**

15 A. The Company's current estimated credit spread for 10-year and 30-year debt is 1.05 and  
16 1.30 percent, respectively. The recent forward 10-year and 30-year U.S. Treasury rates  
17 for January 2024 are approximately 3.30 and 3.44 percent, respectively. Issuance costs  
18 for 10-year and 30-year debt of this type adds approximately 0.08 and 0.05 percent to  
19 the all-in cost, respectively. Therefore, as reflected in RMP Exhibit 3.2, Pro forma Cost  
20 of Long-Term Debt, the Company projects a total all-in cost of long-term debt of 4.43  
21 percent and 4.80 percent, respectively, for each of the \$500 million projected new 10-  
22 year and 30-year long-term debt issuances in January 2024. The recent forward 30-year  
23 U.S. Treasury rate for July 2024 is approximately 3.43 percent and as reflected in RMP

1 Exhibit 3.2, Pro forma Cost of Long-Term Debt, the Company projects a total all-in  
2 cost of long-term debt of approximately 4.79 percent for this additional \$700 million  
3 projected new 30-year long-term debt issuance in July 2024.

4 **Q. A portion of the securities in PacifiCorp's debt portfolio bears variable rates.**  
5 **What is the basis for the projected interest rates used by PacifiCorp?**

6 A. The Company's variable rate long-term debt in this case is in the form of tax-exempt  
7 debt. RMP Exhibit 3.5, Variable Rate Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, shows that, on  
8 average, these securities have been trading at approximately 85 percent of the 30-day  
9 London Inter Bank Offer Rate ("LIBOR") for the period January 2000 through October  
10 2022. Therefore, the Company has applied a factor of 85 percent to the forward One  
11 Month Bloomberg Short Term Bank Yield Index rate as of each of the five quarter-  
12 ending dates spanning calendar year 2024 and then added the respective credit facility  
13 and remarketing fees for each floating rate tax-exempt bond outstanding during the  
14 period. Credit facility and remarketing fees are included in the interest component  
15 because these are costs which contribute directly to the interest rate on the securities  
16 and are charged to interest expense. This method is consistent with the Company's past  
17 practices when determining the cost of debt in previous Wyoming general rate cases as  
18 well as in other states that regulate PacifiCorp.

19 **Q. How did you calculate the embedded cost of preferred stock?**

20 A. The embedded cost of preferred stock was calculated by first determining the cost of  
21 money for each issue. I began by dividing the annual dividend per share by the per  
22 share net proceeds for each series of preferred stock. The resulting cost rate associated  
23 with each series was then multiplied by the total par or stated value outstanding for

1 each issue to yield the annualized cost for each issue. The sum of annualized costs for  
2 each issue produces the total annual cost for the entire preferred stock portfolio. I then  
3 divided the total annual cost by the total amount of preferred stock outstanding to  
4 produce the weighted average cost for all issues. The result is PacifiCorp's embedded  
5 cost of preferred stock.

#### 6 **Embedded Cost of Long-Term Debt**

7 **Q. What is PacifiCorp's embedded cost of long-term debt?**

8 A. The cost of long-term debt is 4.77 percent, as shown in RMP Exhibit 3.2, Pro forma  
9 Cost of Long-Term Debt.

#### 10 **Embedded Cost of Preferred Stock**

11 **Q. What is PacifiCorp's embedded cost of preferred stock?**

12 A. RMP Exhibit 3.6, Cost of Preferred Stock, shows the embedded costs of preferred stock  
13 to be 6.75 percent.

### 14 **VI. CONCLUSION**

15 **Q. Please summarize your recommendations to the Commission.**

16 A. I respectfully request the Commission adopt PacifiCorp's proposed capital structure  
17 with a common equity level of 51.27 percent. This capital structure balances the  
18 financial integrity of the Company and costs to customers by reflecting the minimum  
19 equity ratio necessary for PacifiCorp to maintain its ratings under current market  
20 conditions. When combined with PacifiCorp's updated cost of long-term debt of 4.77  
21 percent and the cost of equity of 10.30 percent recommended by Ms. Bulkley, this  
22 produces a reasonable overall cost of capital of 7.60 percent.

1 Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?

2 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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**AFFIDAVIT, OATH AND VERIFICATION**

Nikki L. Kobliha (Affiant) being of lawful age and being first duly sworn, hereby deposes and says that:

Affiant is the Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for PacifiCorp, which is a party in this matter.

Affiant prepared and caused to be filed the foregoing testimony. Affiant has, by all necessary action, been duly authorized to file this testimony and make this Oath and Verification.

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 her official capacity as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

Further Affiant Sayeth Not.

Dated this 27 day of February, 2023



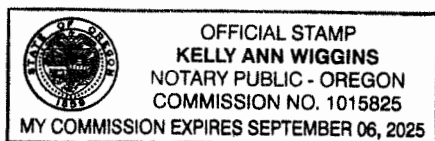
Nikki L. Kobliha  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
and Treasurer

STATE OF OREGON )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH )

The foregoing was acknowledged before me by Nikki L. Kobliha on this 27 day of February, 2023. Witness my hand and official seal.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9/6/2025



Rocky Mountain Power  
Exhibit 3.1  
Docket No. 20000-\_\_\_\_-ER-23  
Witness: Nikki L. Koblaha

BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

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Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Nikki L. Koblaha  
Capital Structure Components



March 2023

PacifiCorp  
2023 WY GRC  
Capital Structure Balances & Short-term Debt - Roll Forward  
\$000s

	Actual June 2022	Actual Sept 2022	Actual Dec 2022	Forecast Mar 2023	Forecast Jun 2023	Forecast Sep 2023	Forecast Dec 2023	Forecast 5 Pt Ave Dec 2023	% Cap Struc
<u>Qtr End Balances:</u>									
Long-Term Debt	8,788,150	8,693,150	9,742,150	9,733,150	10,633,150	10,541,150	10,493,150	10,228,550	48.56%
Pfd Stk	2,398	2,398	2,398	2,398	2,398	2,398	2,398	2,398	0.01%
Common	10,023,737	10,432,764	10,738,677	10,606,846	10,537,128	11,017,093	11,267,215	10,833,392	51.43%
									100.00%

	2022		12 Mo Ended Dec 2023				12 Mo Ended Dec 2023
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<u>Qtr Ending Activity:</u>							
LT Debt Issuances	-	1,100,000	-	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
LT Debt Maturities	(95,000)	(51,000)	(9,000)	(300,000)	(92,000)	(48,000)	(449,000)
Earnings Available to Common	408,786	298,852	168,170	230,281	479,966	250,122	1,128,539
Common Dividends	-	-	(300,000)	(300,000)	-	-	(600,000)
Chg in AOCI	241	7,061	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Total Credit Facilities (Qtr End):</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>
Less:							
Remarketed PCRB & LOC Support	(218,150)	(218,150)	(249,233)	(218,150)	(218,150)	(218,150)	(218,150)
Short-Term Debt Outstanding	-	-	-	-	-	-	(508,217)
Available Head Room	981,850	981,850	950,767	1,781,850	1,781,850	1,781,850	1,273,633

	Forecast Dec 2023	Forecast Mar 2024	Forecast Jun 2024	Forecast Sep 2024	Forecast Dec 2024	Forecast 5 Pt Ave Dec 2024	% Cap Struc
<u>Qtr End Balances:</u>							
Long-Term Debt	10,493,150	11,493,150	11,068,150	11,768,150	11,601,700	11,284,860	48.72%
Pfd Stk	2,398	2,398	2,398	2,398	2,398	2,398	0.01%
Common	11,267,215	11,517,560	11,801,209	12,297,121	12,488,795	11,874,380	51.27%
							100.00%

	12 Mo Ended Dec 2024				12 Mo Ended Dec 2024
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<u>Qtr Ending Activity:</u>					
LT Debt Issuances	1,000,000	-	700,000	-	1,700,000
LT Debt Maturities	-	(425,000)	-	(166,450)	(591,450)
Earnings Available to Common	250,345	283,649	495,912	191,674	1,221,580
Common Dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Chg in AOCI	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Total Credit Facilities (Qtr End):</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>
Less:				
Remarketed PCRB Support	(218,150)	(218,150)	(218,150)	(51,700)
Short-Term Debt Outstanding	-	(263,583)	-	(80,422)
Available Head Room	981,850	718,267	981,850	1,067,878

Rocky Mountain Power  
Exhibit 3.2  
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Witness: Nikki L. Kobliha

BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

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Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Nikki L. Kobliha  
Pro Forma Cost of Long-Term Debt Summary

March 2023

**PACIFICORP**  
 Electric Operations  
 Pro Forma Ave Cost of Long-Term Debt Summary  
 12 months ended December 31, 2024

LINE NO.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT SOE AVE OUTSTANDING	ISSUANCE EXPENSES	REDEMPTION EXPENSES	NET PROCEEDS TO COMPANY	ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE COST	INTEREST RATE	ALL-IN COST	ORIG LIFE	LINE NO.
1										1
2	Total First Mortgage Bonds	\$11,100,000,000	(\$124,763,736)	(\$2,073,225)	\$10,973,163,039	\$531,152,300	4.704%	4.785%	25.6	2
3										3
4	Subtotal - Pollution Control Revenue Bonds secured by FMBs	\$160,460,000	(\$4,953,665)	(\$2,181,869)	\$153,324,466	\$5,977,008	3.478%	3.725%	30.0	4
5	Subtotal - Pollution Control Revenue Bonds	\$24,400,000	(\$225,000)	(\$428,469)	\$23,746,531	\$877,180	3.449%	3.595%	29.9	5
6	Total Pollution Control Revenue Bonds	\$184,860,000	(\$5,178,665)	(\$2,610,338)	\$177,070,997	\$6,854,188	3.474%	3.708%	29.9	6
7										7
8	Loss on Long Term Debt Reacquisitions, without Refunding					\$202,495				8
9	Total Cost of Long Term Debt	\$11,284,860,000	(\$129,942,402)	(\$4,683,563)	\$11,150,234,035	\$538,208,983	4.683%	4.769%	25.7	9
10										10

**PACIFICORP**  
**Electric Operations**  
**Pro Forma Ave Cost of Long-Term Debt Detail**  
**12 months ended December 31, 2024**

LINE NO.	INTEREST RATE	DESCRIPTION	ISSUANCE DATE	MATURITY DATE	ORIG LIFE	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT		ISSUANCE EXPENSES	REDEMPTION EXPENSES	NET PROCEEDS TO COMPANY		MONEY TO COMPANY	ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE COST	LINE NO.
						ORIGINAL ISSUE	SOE AVE OUTSTANDING			DOLLAR AMOUNT	PER \$100 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
1														1
2														2
3	3.600%	Series due Apr 2024	03/13/14	04/01/24	10	\$425,000,000	\$170,000,000	(\$1,440,066)	(\$777,230)	\$167,782,705	\$98,696	3.757%	\$6,386,900	3
4	3.500%	Series due Jul 2025	06/19/15	07/01/25	10	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000	(\$2,441,421)	\$0	\$247,558,579	\$99,023	3.466%	\$8,665,000	4
5	3.500%	Series due Jun 2029	03/01/19	06/15/29	10	\$400,000,000	\$400,000,000	(\$2,874,181)	\$0	\$397,125,819	\$99,281	3.584%	\$14,336,000	5
6	2.700%	Series due Sep 2030	04/08/20	09/15/30	10	\$400,000,000	\$400,000,000	(\$2,876,791)	\$0	\$397,123,209	\$99,281	2.780%	\$11,120,000	6
7	7.700%	Series due Nov 2031	11/21/01	11/15/31	30	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	(\$3,701,310)	\$0	\$296,298,690	\$98,766	7.807%	\$23,421,000	7
8	4.378%	Proforma Series#1	06/15/23	06/15/33	10	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	(\$4,162,800)	\$0	\$595,837,200	\$99,306	4.444%	\$26,784,000	8
9	4.347%	Proforma Series#3	01/15/24	01/15/34	10	\$500,000,000	\$400,000,000	(\$2,795,200)	\$0	\$397,204,800	\$99,301	4.434%	\$17,736,000	9
10	5.900%	Series due Aug 2034	08/24/04	08/15/34	30	\$200,000,000	\$200,000,000	(\$2,614,365)	\$0	\$197,385,635	\$98,693	5.994%	\$11,988,000	10
11	5.250%	Series due Jun 2035	06/08/05	06/15/35	30	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	(\$3,992,021)	(\$1,295,995)	\$294,711,984	\$98,237	5.369%	\$16,107,000	11
12	6.100%	Series due Aug 2036	08/10/06	08/01/36	30	\$350,000,000	\$350,000,000	(\$4,048,881)	\$0	\$345,951,119	\$98,843	6.185%	\$21,647,500	12
13	5.750%	Series due Oct 2037	03/14/07	04/01/37	30	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	(\$6,132,216)	\$0	\$593,867,784	\$99,898	5.757%	\$34,542,000	13
14	6.250%	Series due Oct 2037	10/03/07	10/15/37	30	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	(\$5,877,281)	\$0	\$594,122,719	\$99,020	6.323%	\$37,938,000	14
15	6.350%	Series due Jul 2038	07/17/08	07/15/38	30	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	(\$3,961,333)	\$0	\$296,038,667	\$98,680	6.450%	\$19,350,000	15
16	6.000%	Series due Jan 2039	01/08/09	01/15/39	30	\$650,000,000	\$650,000,000	(\$12,309,687)	\$0	\$637,690,313	\$98,106	6.139%	\$39,903,500	16
17	4.100%	Series due Feb 2042	01/06/12	02/01/42	30	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	(\$3,724,911)	\$0	\$296,275,089	\$98,758	4.173%	\$12,519,000	17
18	4.125%	Series due Jan 2049	07/13/18	01/15/49	31	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	(\$6,984,085)	\$0	\$593,015,915	\$98,836	4.193%	\$25,158,000	18
19	4.150%	Series due Feb 2050	03/01/19	02/15/50	31	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	(\$7,938,771)	\$0	\$592,061,229	\$98,677	4.227%	\$25,362,000	19
20	3.300%	Series due Mar 2051	04/08/20	03/15/51	31	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	(\$10,127,937)	\$0	\$589,872,063	\$98,312	3.388%	\$20,328,000	20
21	2.900%	Series due June 2052	07/09/21	06/15/52	31	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	(\$16,599,374)	\$0	\$983,400,626	\$98,340	2.982%	\$29,820,000	21
22	3.500%	Series due Dec 2053	12/01/22	12/01/53	31	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,100,000,000	(\$13,265,000)	\$0	\$1,086,735,000	\$98,794	5.431%	\$59,741,000	22
23	4.765%	Proforma Series#2	06/15/23	06/15/53	30	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	(\$3,392,800)	\$0	\$596,637,200	\$99,106	4.822%	\$28,932,000	23
24	4.788%	Proforma Series#4	01/15/24	01/15/54	30	\$500,000,000	\$400,000,000	(\$3,595,200)	\$0	\$396,404,800	\$99,101	4.795%	\$19,180,000	24
25	4.730%	Proforma Series#5	07/15/24	07/15/54	30	\$700,000,000	\$280,000,000	(\$2,552,640)	\$0	\$277,447,360	\$99,088	4.788%	\$13,406,400	25
26	4.685%	Subtotal - Bullet FVIBs			26	\$11,000,000,000	\$11,000,000,000	(\$123,859,270)	(\$2,073,225)	\$10,874,067,505	\$0	4.767%	\$524,371,300	26
27														27
28	6.710%	Series G due Jan 2026	01/23/96	01/15/26	30	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	(\$904,467)	\$0	\$99,095,533	\$99,096	6.781%	\$6,781,000	28
29	6.710%	Subtotal - Series G MTNs			30	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	(\$904,467)	\$0	\$99,095,533	\$0	6.781%	\$6,781,000	29
30														30
31	4.704%	Total First Mortgage Bonds			26	\$11,100,000,000	\$11,100,000,000	(\$124,763,736)	(\$2,073,225)	\$10,973,163,039	\$0	4.785%	\$531,152,300	31
32														32
33														33
34	3.480%	Converse 94 due Nov 2024	11/17/94	11/01/24	30	\$8,190,000	\$6,552,000	(\$209,778)	(\$86,323)	\$6,255,899	\$95,481	3.732%	\$244,521	34
35	3.448%	Emery 94 due Nov 2024	11/17/94	11/01/24	30	\$12,194,000	\$9,755,200	(\$3,274,246)	(\$1,925,767)	\$92,351,987	\$94,669	3.744%	\$3,652,347	35
36	3.590%	Lincoln 94 due Nov 2024	11/17/94	11/01/24	30	\$15,060,000	\$12,048,000	(\$422,858)	(\$81,427)	\$11,543,715	\$95,814	3.825%	\$460,836	36
37	3.514%	Sweetwater 94 due Nov 2024	11/17/94	11/01/24	30	\$21,260,000	\$17,008,000	(\$510,479)	(\$88,352)	\$16,409,169	\$96,479	3.709%	\$630,827	37
38	3.430%	Converse 95 due Nov 2025	11/17/95	11/01/25	30	\$5,300,000	\$5,300,000	(\$132,043)	\$0	\$5,167,957	\$97,509	3.566%	\$188,998	38
39	3.533%	Lincoln 95 due Nov 2025	11/17/95	11/01/25	30	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	(\$404,262)	\$0	\$21,595,738	\$98,162	3.634%	\$799,480	39
40	3.478%	Subtotal - Secured PCRBs			30	\$24,400,000	\$160,460,000	(\$4,953,665)	(\$2,181,869)	\$153,324,466	\$0	3.725%	\$5,977,008	40
41														41
42	3.449%	Sweetwater 95 due Nov 2025	12/14/95	11/01/25	30	\$24,400,000	\$24,400,000	(\$225,000)	(\$428,469)	\$23,746,531	\$97,322	3.595%	\$877,180	42
43	3.449%	Subtotal - Unsecured PCRBs			30	\$24,400,000	\$24,400,000	(\$225,000)	(\$428,469)	\$23,746,531	\$0	3.595%	\$877,180	43
44														44
45	3.474%	Total PCRb Obligations			30	\$184,860,000	\$184,860,000	(\$5,178,665)	(\$2,610,338)	\$177,070,997	\$0	3.708%	\$6,854,188	45
46														46
47														47
48														48
49	8.375%	Series A QUIDS	11/17/00	06/30/35	48									49
50	8.55%	Series B QUIDS	11/17/00	12/31/25	50									50
51		Carbon '94 PCRb Series	02/18/16	11/01/24	52									51
52		Long-Term Debt Remeasurement, without refunding amortization			52									52
53														53
54	4.683%	Total Long-Term Debt			26	\$11,284,860,000	\$11,284,860,000	(\$129,942,402)	(\$4,683,563)	\$11,150,234,035	\$0	4.769%	\$538,208,983	54
55														55

**All-in Coupon Calculation for PCBs  
 12 months ended December 31, 2024**

	Rate	Reset	Outstanding	LOC	Base Coupon	Remarket Fee	LOC Facility Usage Fees	LOC Fronting Fee	LOC Draw Fee	LOC Upfront Costs	Credit Facility Upfront Costs	County Financing True-up Fee	94 Series Restruct Costs	Rate Mode Conv & Other Def Costs	All-in Coupon
Converse 94 due Nov 2024	Variable	Weekly	\$8,190,000		3.152%	0.100%	0.075%				0.054%		0.037%	0.062%	3.480%
Emery 94 due Nov 2024	Variable	Weekly	\$121,940,000		3.152%	0.120%	0.075%				0.054%		0.035%	0.012%	3.448%
Lincoln 94 due Nov 2024	Variable	Weekly	\$15,060,000		3.152%	0.100%	0.075%				0.054%	0.123%	0.037%	0.048%	3.590%
Sweetwater 94 due Nov 2024	Variable	Weekly	\$21,260,000		3.152%	0.120%	0.075%				0.054%		0.037%	0.076%	3.514%
Converse 95 due Nov 2025	Variable	Weekly	\$5,300,000		3.152%	0.100%	0.075%				0.054%			0.049%	3.430%
Lincoln 95 due Nov 2025	Variable	Weekly	\$22,000,000		3.152%	0.100%	0.075%				0.054%	0.122%		0.030%	3.533%
			<b>\$193,750,000</b>		<b>3.152%</b>										<b>3.477%</b>
Sweetwater 95 due Nov 2025	Variable	Daily	\$24,400,000		3.152%	0.100%	0.075%				0.054%			0.068%	3.449%
			<b>\$24,400,000</b>		<b>3.152%</b>										<b>3.449%</b>

Rocky Mountain Power  
Exhibit 3.3  
Docket No. 20000-\_\_\_\_-ER-23  
Witness: Nikki L. Kobliha

BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE  
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

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Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Nikki L. Kobliha  
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Commissioner Kristin K. Mayes  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
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Re: Docket No. E-01345A-08-0172 (Interim Rate Motion)

Dear Commissioner Mayes:

On October 8, 2008, you filed a letter in which you requested Arizona Public Service Company ("APS" or "Company") to respond to five specific issues covering a range of subjects. Because several of these issues are germane to the Company's pending Motion for Interim Rates, the Company has chosen to submit its response in the above docket. For the convenience of the parties to this proceeding, I have attached a copy of your October 8<sup>th</sup> letter as Appendix A.

**APS Access to Commercial Paper Market and Other Credit-Related Issues**

APS first began experiencing trouble accessing the commercial paper market in August of 2007 when the sub-prime credit issues began to impact the capital markets. Access has continued to be sporadic throughout 2008, with the amount of commercial paper APS can issue often being limited even when access to the market was possible. Beginning September 17, 2008, the commercial paper market has been completely closed to APS.

As discussed during the hearing, APS had total lines of credit of \$900 million. The first line of \$400 million expires at the end of 2010, with a second for \$500 million expiring at the end of 2011. The purpose of these lines of credit is to provide the Company with liquidity and working capital when commercial paper cannot be utilized – not fund capital expenditures.<sup>1</sup> Indeed, Decision No. 69947 (October 30, 2007) specifically limited the use of the \$500 million line of credit to fuel/purchased power requirements and thus cannot be used to fund the Company's capital requirements. As of September 30, 2008, approximately \$270 million had to be drawn down due to the problems in the commercial paper market described above. Also, \$34 million of the Company's credit line was with bankrupt Lehman Brothers and thus no longer

<sup>1</sup> Borrowing on bank lines of credit is normally 25 to 50 basis points more expensive than commercial paper.

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exists. Another \$36 million was with Wachovia, which is in the process of being acquired by Wells Fargo. Whether the new owner of Wachovia will assume the \$36 million commitment is uncertain, to say the least. Accordingly, APS's previous \$900 million lines of credit are now no more than \$866 million, and may be as low as \$830 million. Finally, as a result of recent write-downs of bank assets, there is \$2 trillion less credit capacity in the U.S. banking system than there was before this global financial crisis began. As a result, APS will likely encounter difficulty in maintaining its remaining lines of credit in the future, and there is no doubt that these lines of credit would, in any case, be insufficient to meet APS's capital expenditure needs over the next few years.

Liquidity is absolutely vital to the financial integrity of an electric utility. APS itself was contacted by each of the three rating agencies after the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy and asked about the Company's exposure to Lehman, Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs, as well as its ability to count on its lines of credit given the chaos in the short-term credit markets. A recent example of the critical importance of liquidity is Constellation Energy, the parent of Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, which began 2008 with a stock price of over \$100 per share. After facing a liquidity crisis driven by threatened credit rating downgrades and the resultant cash collateral calls that nearly drove Constellation to the brink of bankruptcy, it was forced to sell itself to MidAmerican Energy (the same entity that bought out PacifiCorp) for \$26.50 per share.

And the damage has not been limited to the short-term debt market. Despite massive efforts by our Federal government and governments in Europe and Asia to pump liquidity into the national and international credit markets, access to the corporate debt market is extremely strained, with only the most highly-rated corporations being successful in raising long-term debt capital. At present, APS likely could not successfully issue long-term debt. Whether this financial market environment will improve by the spring of next year, when APS likely will need to issue debt, is unknown.

### **GeoSmart Solar Financing Program**

On Thursday, September 25, 2008 GE Money announced that it will no longer offer unsecured installment consumer financing for its energy efficiency and renewable energy programs after October 23, 2008 because of the current turmoil in the credit markets. The action specifically affected the Electric & Gas Industries Association's ("EGIA") *GeoSmart* Financing Program offered by APS because GE Money provided the financial support for the program. Although APS had no prior warning of GE Money's actions, APS remains committed to its partnership with EGIA. EGIA, as a non-profit entity implementing similar financing programs for utilities around the country, is situated to identify other suitable financial institutions to back the *GeoSmart* program. In recent conversations, EGIA informed APS that a number of financial institutions have been identified that **may** be able to provide funding for *GeoSmart*. APS remains hopeful but cannot offer any assurance that EGIA will secure other financial backing in the future.



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### **Transactions with Investment Banks or Similar Financial Institutions**

Attached as Appendix B is a list of the banks with which APS has existing lines of credit. As noted before, Lehman Brothers and Wachovia are in that group. APS has also submitted a \$1.1 million claim against Lehman Brothers in bankruptcy over a hedging transaction. APS has conducted numerous transactions with Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs, who together are major players in the U.S energy markets. Although it would seriously reduce the overall liquidity of these energy markets should Morgan Stanley and/or Goldman Sachs bow out of the energy market, APS itself had controls in place well before all these problems began that limited its exposure to any single trading partner, including those discussed above. However, with chaotic and unprecedented market events such as we are presently experiencing, no amount of internal controls can provide complete protection against potential losses.<sup>2</sup> Finally, AIG is a carrier for APS property and casualty insurance. APS believes that these insurance policies will continue to be honored.

### **Auction Rate Securities**

APS does not have any funds invested in auction rate securities ("ARS"). APS is an issuer of ARS, with \$343 million outstanding and with maturities in 2029 and 2034. The average rate of interest paid on these securities has been 3.2%, thus providing very attractive financing for APS and its customers.

### **Palo Verde**

Palo Verde Unit 3 experienced two relatively brief unplanned outages recently. The first was from September 16 to September 20 when a failed transmitter in the control circuitry for one of the two power supplies to the reactor control rods required the unit to be shut down. That was safely accomplished, and after the electronic card that included the failed component was replaced, the unit was returned to full power without incident. The second was from September 27 to 30 when high sulfate levels were detected in the secondary steam system (the system that connects the steam generators with the steam turbine). After operators had shut down the unit, the secondary system chemistry was returned to normal, the unit again returned to service without incident and has been operating at full power since then. APS estimates that the amount of additional fuel and purchased power costs deferred for recovery through the PSA to be approximately \$3 million.<sup>3</sup>

Neither outage involved what could be characterized as an unusual event for a nuclear power plant and is the sort of occurrence anticipated in the budgeted effective forced outage rate ("EFOR") for Palo Verde. Palo Verde, like all generators, including all APS generators, has an

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<sup>2</sup> Although such transactions are not directly with APS, the APS decommissioning trusts and the Pinnacle West retirement funds have relatively small investments in some of the troubled entities identified in your letter, as likely do most if not all large investment funds in this country.

<sup>3</sup> As the Commission is aware, APS absorbs 10% of higher fuel costs, and a portion of outage costs are embedded in the base fuel cost. In addition, a small amount is allocated to wholesale customers. Thus, the total cost of the outages was \$4.4 million.

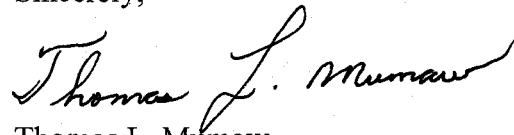
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anticipated EFOR based primarily on past operations. This is merely an acknowledgement that all machines, no matter how well designed, constructed, operated, and maintained, will sometimes fail. Electric generators are no exception to that rule.

To date this year, the overall Palo Verde capacity factor has been 98% (excluding refueling outages). This past summer, Palo Verde set an all-time record for generation.

Throughout both outage events, Palo Verde staff demonstrated their safety-first focus by using effective problem identification and resolution behaviors, took proper action during troubleshooting (including developing contingency plans) and work planning. They executed all needed repairs with a focus on human performance. The NRC was kept fully informed throughout these outages and monitored Palo Verde's decision-making process and the actions taken. APS does not believe these outages have had any negative impact on APS's substantial progress in resolving the NRC's Confirmatory Action Letter.

Sincerely,



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# Appendix A



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October 8, 2008

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**Re: Impact of recent financial crisis on APS' access to commercial paper markets and ability to finance capital projects; forced cancellation of GeoSmart Solar Loan Program; transactions with investment banks; exposure to auction rate securities; status of outages at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station's Unit 3.**

Dear Mr. Brandt:

As you know, the recent upheaval in America's financial markets has had an unsettling effect on our national and local economies. It has also had serious consequences for individuals and companies who need to access financing, as credit tightens and capital markets become less fluid.

In recognition of the current environment, I write to request that you provide the Commission with information regarding whether the unfolding events on Wall Street have had an impact on Arizona Public Service Company ("APS"), with a particular focus on several areas.

First, please tell the Commission whether APS has experienced difficulty gaining access to short or long term debt markets. In particular, have you seen a decline in the Company's ability to issue commercial paper, a practice that has become common among large utilities seeking to make payments for short term capital expenditures and operating expenses. If so, please describe the ways in which you have responded to this deficiency in order to meet the Company's capital needs. Have you experienced additional expenses associated with accessing these markets? What is the short-term and long-term impact to APS' planned capital projects?

Second, APS recently reported to my office that it was forced to scuttle its GeoSmart Solar Financing Program – the program by which APS was offering loans to customers wishing to install solar panels who could not afford to do so solely using rebates – because General Electric pulled its funding due to the credit crisis. Please detail the circumstances surrounding this program suspension and whether you believe APS will be able to re-start the program in the future. Please also inform the Commission whether any other renewable energy or other capital expenditure programs have been threatened or come under pressure as a result of the tightened credit markets, and the Company's strategy for addressing these pressures.

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Third, please tell the Commission whether APS engaged in any significant financial transactions with Lehman Brothers, American International Group, Bear Stearns, or any other investment firm that has been the subject of recent bankruptcies or governmental takeovers. If so, please detail those transactions, and to what extent they have impacted the Company.

Fourth, it is my understanding that APS has had some exposure to auction rate securities. As you know, the auction rate securities market recently collapsed. Please describe the Company's auction rate securities holdings, what worth those securities now have, and what the Company intends to do with those securities in order to minimize any losses associated with them.

Finally, as you know, Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station's ("PVNGS") Unit Three was down from September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> – making for a second outage in less than a month. Please tell the Commission how these Unit Three outages will impact the Company's efforts to resolve PVNGS' Category Four status with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, as well as the estimated replacement costs that have been passed through the Company's Purchased Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause as a result of these outages.

Thank you for your attention to these questions.

Sincerely,



Kris Mayes  
Commissioner

Cc: Chairman Mike Gleason  
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# Appendix B



**APS Revolving Lines of Credit  
 (\$K)**

	<b>Bank</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
1	Bank of America	\$92,857	10.3%
2	Bank of New York Mellon	80,000	8.9%
3	Citigroup	76,572	8.5%
4	JPMorgan	76,572	8.5%
5	Keybank	68,571	7.6%
6	CSFB	60,857	6.7%
7	Barclays Bank	52,857	5.9%
8	Wells Fargo	52,857	5.9%
9	UBS Warburg	52,857	5.9%
10	Union Bank	38,571	4.3%
11	Sun Trust	36,000	4.0%
12	Mizuho	28,571	3.2%
13	KBC Bank	24,000	2.7%
14	Dresdner	24,000	2.7%
15	US Bank	17,143	1.9%
16	Chang Hwa Commercial Bk	15,000	1.6%
17	BOTM	11,429	1.3%
18	Northern Trust	11,429	1.3%
19	Bank Hapoalim	10,000	1.1%
20	Subtotal	\$830,143	92.3%
21	Wachovia	36,000	4.0%
22	Lehman Brothers	33,857	3.7%
23	Total	\$900,000	100.0%

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Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Nikki L. Kobliha  
New Debt Issue Spreads

March 2023

**PACIFICORP**  
 Electric Operations  
 Pro Forma Cost of Long-Term Debt Detail  
 12 months ended December 31, 2023

LINE NO.	INTEREST RATE (a)	DESCRIPTION (b)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (g)		OUTSTANDING (h)	(DISC)/PREM & ISSUANCE EXPENSES (i)	REDEMPTION EXPENSES (j)	NET PROCEEDS TO COMPANY (k)		MONEY TO COMPANY (m)	ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE COST (n)	LINE NO.
			ORIGINAL ISSUE	SOE AVE				TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT	PER \$100 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT			
54	4.683%	Total Long-Term Debt			\$11,284,860,000	(\$129,942,402)	(\$4,683,563)	\$11,150,234,035		4.77%	\$538,208,983	54
	4.556%	Actual Post Acquisition Debt Issuances (1)			\$10,200,000,000	(\$113,549,944)	(\$777,230)	\$10,085,672,826		4.64%	\$472,855,300	
	5.000%	Pro Forma Post Acquisition Debt Issuances			\$10,200,000,000	(\$93,486,944)	(\$777,230)	\$10,102,735,826		5.07%	\$517,088,100	
	5.085%	Total Long-Term Debt - Pro Forma			\$11,284,860,000	(\$112,879,402)	(\$4,683,563)	\$11,167,297,035		5.16%	\$582,441,783	

**PacifiCorp  
2023 WY GRC**

LTD Exhib. Ln	Post Acquisition FMB Issuances	Principal	SOE Ave Outstanding	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Term	Treasury Strike	Treasury Spread	Re-offer Yield	Coupon Rate	Yield Discount	Issuance Costs	Refunding Costs	Cost of Debt	Annual Debt Service Cost	uw fee
1	6.10% Series due 2036	\$350,000,000	\$350,000,000	08/10/06	08/01/36	30	5.064%	1.060%	6.12%	6.100%	\$1,141,000	\$2,907,881	\$0	6.185%	\$21,647,500	0.700%
2	5.75% Series due 2037	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	03/14/07	04/01/37	30	4.750%	1.000%	5.750%	5.750%	\$24,000	\$589,216	\$0	5.757%	\$34,542,000	0.000%
3	6.25% Series due 2037	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	10/03/07	10/15/37	30	4.850%	1.400%	6.250%	6.250%	\$750,000	\$5,127,281	\$0	6.323%	\$37,938,000	0.775%
4	6.35% Series due 2038	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	07/17/08	07/15/38	30	4.472%	1.920%	6.392%	6.350%	\$1,671,000	\$2,290,333	\$0	6.450%	\$19,350,000	0.700%
5	6.00% Series due 2039	\$650,000,000	\$650,000,000	01/08/09	01/15/39	30	2.969%	3.100%	6.069%	6.000%	\$6,175,000	\$6,134,687	\$0	6.139%	\$39,903,500	0.875%
6	4.10% Series due 2042	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	01/06/12	02/01/42	30	2.969%	1.150%	4.119%	4.100%	\$987,000	\$2,737,911	\$0	4.173%	\$12,519,000	0.800%
7	3.60% Series due 2024	\$425,000,000	\$170,000,000	03/13/14	04/01/24	10	2.777%	0.830%	3.607%	3.600%	\$0	\$1,338,066	\$777,230	3.757%	\$6,386,900	0.620%
8	3.35% Series due 2025	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000	06/19/15	07/01/25	10	2.315%	1.050%	3.365%	3.350%	\$320,000	\$2,121,421	\$0	3.466%	\$8,665,000	0.650%
9	4.125% Series due 2049	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	07/13/19	07/15/49	31	2.968%	1.170%	4.138%	4.125%	\$1,344,000	\$5,640,085	\$0	4.193%	\$23,158,000	0.800%
10	3.50% Series due 2029	\$400,000,000	\$400,000,000	03/01/19	06/15/29	10	2.672%	0.850%	3.522%	3.500%	\$740,000	\$2,134,051	\$0	3.584%	\$14,336,000	0.425%
11	4.15% Series due 2050	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	03/01/19	02/15/50	31	3.027%	1.150%	4.177%	4.150%	\$2,790,000	\$5,148,771	\$0	4.227%	\$25,362,000	0.750%
12	2.70% Series due 2030	\$400,000,000	\$400,000,000	04/08/20	09/15/30	10	0.670%	2.050%	2.700%	2.700%	\$720,000	\$2,156,791	\$0	2.780%	\$11,120,000	0.425%
13	2.90% Series due 2031	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	04/08/20	03/15/31	31	1.293%	2.050%	3.343%	3.300%	\$4,944,000	\$5,183,937	\$0	3.388%	\$20,328,000	0.750%
14	2.90% Series due 2052	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	07/09/21	06/15/52	31	1.958%	0.980%	2.938%	2.900%	\$7,670,000	\$8,927,874	\$0	2.982%	\$29,820,000	0.750%
15	5.35% Series due 2053	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000	12/01/22	12/01/53	31	3.840%	1.530%	5.370%	5.350%	\$3,300,000	\$9,965,000	\$0	5.431%	\$59,741,000	0.750%
16	Profirma Series#1	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	06/15/23	06/15/33	10	3.328%	1.050%	4.378%	4.378%	\$0	\$4,162,800	\$0	4.464%	\$26,784,000	0.600%
17	Profirma Series#2	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	06/15/23	06/15/33	10	3.465%	1.300%	4.765%	4.765%	\$0	\$5,362,800	\$0	4.822%	\$28,932,000	0.800%
18	Profirma Series#3	\$500,000,000	\$400,000,000	01/15/24	01/15/34	10	3.297%	1.050%	4.347%	4.347%	\$0	\$2,795,200	\$0	4.434%	\$17,736,000	0.600%
19	Profirma Series#4	\$500,000,000	\$400,000,000	01/15/24	01/15/34	10	3.438%	1.300%	4.738%	4.738%	\$0	\$3,595,200	\$0	4.795%	\$19,180,000	0.800%
20	Profirma Series#5	\$700,000,000	\$280,000,000	07/15/24	07/15/34	30	3.430%	1.300%	4.730%	4.730%	\$0	\$2,552,640	\$0	4.788%	\$13,406,400	0.800%
21		\$11,075,000,000	\$10,200,000,000							4.556%	\$32,678,000	\$80,871,944	\$777,230	3.011%	\$472,855,300	

LTD Exhib. Ln	Post Acquisition FMB Issuances	Principal	SOE Ave Outstanding	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Term	Treasury Strike	Treasury Spread	Re-offer Yield	Coupon Rate	Yield Discount	Issuance Costs	Refunding Costs	Cost of Debt	Annual Debt Service Cost	standard uw fee
1	Series due 2036	\$350,000,000	\$350,000,000	08/10/06	08/01/36	30	5.064%	1.750% a	6.814%	6.814%	\$0	\$3,520,381	\$0	6.894%	\$24,129,000	0.875%
2	Series due 2037	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	03/14/07	04/01/37	30	4.750%	1.220% b	5.970%	5.970%	\$0	\$5,839,216	\$0	6.040%	\$36,240,000	0.875%
3	Series due 2037 (II)	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	10/03/07	10/15/37	30	4.850%	1.700% c	6.559%	6.559%	\$0	\$5,727,281	\$0	6.632%	\$39,792,000	0.875%
4	Series due 2038	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	07/17/08	07/15/38	30	4.472%	2.800% d	7.272%	7.272%	\$0	\$2,815,333	\$0	7.350%	\$22,050,000	0.875%
5	Series due 2039	\$650,000,000	\$650,000,000	01/08/09	01/15/39	30	2.969%	4.630% e	7.599%	7.599%	\$0	\$6,134,687	\$0	7.680%	\$49,920,000	0.875%
6	Series due 2042	\$300,000,000	\$600,000,000	01/06/12	02/01/42	30	2.969%	1.530% f	4.519%	4.519%	\$0	\$2,962,911	\$777,230	4.580%	\$13,740,000	0.875%
7	Series due 2024	\$425,000,000	\$170,000,000	03/13/14	04/01/24	10	2.777%	1.050% g	3.827%	3.827%	\$0	\$1,465,566	\$0	3.891%	\$6,614,700	0.650%
8	Series due 2025	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000	06/19/15	07/01/25	10	2.315%	1.150% h	3.465%	3.465%	\$0	\$2,121,421	\$0	3.566%	\$8,915,000	0.650%
9	Series due 2049	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	07/13/18	01/15/49	31	2.968%	1.230% i	4.218%	4.218%	\$0	\$6,090,085	\$0	4.278%	\$25,668,000	0.875%
10	Series due 2029	\$400,000,000	\$400,000,000	03/01/19	06/15/29	10	2.672%	1.230% j	3.902%	3.902%	\$0	\$3,034,051	\$0	3.992%	\$15,968,000	0.650%
11	Series due 2050	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	03/01/19	02/15/50	31	3.027%	1.580% k	4.607%	4.607%	\$0	\$5,898,771	\$0	4.667%	\$28,002,000	0.875%
12	Series due 2030	\$400,000,000	\$400,000,000	04/08/20	09/15/30	10	0.670%	3.500% l	4.170%	4.170%	\$0	\$3,056,791	\$0	4.261%	\$17,044,000	0.650%
13	Series due 2051	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	06/15/23	03/15/51	31	1.293%	2.900% m	4.193%	4.193%	\$0	\$3,953,937	\$0	4.251%	\$25,506,000	0.875%
14	Series due 2052	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	07/09/21	06/15/52	31	1.958%	1.050% n	3.008%	3.008%	\$0	\$10,177,874	\$0	3.059%	\$30,590,000	0.875%
15	Series due 2053	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000	12/01/22	12/01/53	31	3.840%	1.760% o	5.600%	5.600%	\$0	\$11,340,000	\$0	5.671%	\$62,381,000	0.875%
16	Profirma Series#1	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	06/15/23	06/15/33	10	3.328%	1.230% p	4.578%	4.578%	\$0	\$4,462,800	\$0	4.671%	\$28,026,000	0.650%
17	Profirma Series#2	\$600,000,000	\$600,000,000	06/15/23	06/15/33	10	3.465%	1.500% p	4.965%	4.965%	\$0	\$5,812,800	\$0	5.028%	\$30,168,000	0.875%
18	Profirma Series#3	\$500,000,000	\$400,000,000	01/15/24	01/15/34	10	3.297%	1.250% p	4.547%	4.547%	\$0	\$3,045,200	\$0	4.624%	\$18,496,000	0.650%
19	Profirma Series#4	\$500,000,000	\$400,000,000	01/15/24	01/15/34	10	3.438%	1.500% p	4.938%	4.938%	\$0	\$3,970,200	\$0	4.989%	\$19,956,000	0.875%
20	Profirma Series#5	\$700,000,000	\$280,000,000	07/15/24	07/15/34	30	3.430%	1.500% p	4.930%	4.930%	\$0	\$3,077,640	\$0	4.958%	\$13,882,400	0.875%
21		\$11,075,000,000	\$10,200,000,000							5.000%	\$0	\$96,486,944	\$777,230	5.069%	\$517,088,100	

\*proxy was used as there was no comparable triple B Utility OpCo new issuance from this time period

- (a) APS
- (b) PG&E
- (c) Appalachian Power
- (d) El Paso Power
- (e) Potomac Electric Power
- (f) APS
- (g) Pacific Gas & Electric Cc
- (h) Pacific Gas & Electric Cc
- (i) Tampa Electric Cc
- (j) Dominion Energy, Inc
- (k) Dominion Energy, Inc
- (l) IPALCO Enterprises Inc
- (m) NiSource Inc
- (n) Mississippi Power Cc
- (o) AVE trading yield for 30-Year BBB utility OpCo Issuers at 12/1/22
- (p) Current bank indicative

Rocky Mountain Power  
Exhibit 3.5  
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BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE  
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

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Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Nikki L. Kobliha  
Variable PCRB Rates

March 2023

**Indicative Forward PCRB Variable Rates  
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	30 Day LIBOR <sup>1</sup> Daily Ave (a)	Floating Rate PCRBs Daily Ave (b)	PCRB / LIBOR (b)/(a)
Jan-00	5.81%	3.33%	57%
Feb-00	5.89%	3.62%	62%
Mar-00	6.05%	3.68%	61%
Apr-00	6.16%	4.02%	65%
May-00	6.54%	4.89%	75%
Jun-00	6.65%	4.35%	65%
Jul-00	6.63%	3.99%	60%
Aug-00	6.62%	4.09%	62%
Sep-00	6.62%	4.50%	68%
Oct-00	6.62%	4.36%	66%
Nov-00	6.63%	4.33%	65%
Dec-00	6.68%	4.14%	62%
Jan-01	5.88%	3.10%	53%
Feb-01	5.53%	3.59%	65%
Mar-01	5.13%	3.18%	62%
Apr-01	4.82%	3.72%	77%
May-01	4.16%	3.38%	81%
Jun-01	3.92%	3.03%	77%
Jul-01	3.82%	2.65%	69%
Aug-01	3.64%	2.36%	65%
Sep-01	3.17%	2.42%	76%
Oct-01	2.48%	2.18%	88%
Nov-01	2.13%	1.79%	84%
Dec-01	1.96%	1.64%	84%
Jan-02	1.81%	1.49%	82%
Feb-02	1.85%	1.39%	75%
Mar-02	1.89%	1.46%	77%
Apr-02	1.86%	1.58%	85%
May-02	1.84%	1.67%	91%
Jun-02	1.84%	1.58%	86%
Jul-02	1.83%	1.49%	81%
Aug-02	1.80%	1.49%	83%
Sep-02	1.82%	1.69%	93%
Oct-02	1.81%	1.84%	102%
Nov-02	1.44%	1.66%	115%
Dec-02	1.42%	1.57%	110%
Jan-03	1.36%	1.40%	103%
Feb-03	1.34%	1.43%	107%
Mar-03	1.31%	1.45%	111%
Apr-03	1.31%	1.52%	115%
May-03	1.31%	1.56%	119%
Jun-03	1.16%	1.38%	119%
Jul-03	1.11%	1.12%	102%
Aug-03	1.11%	1.16%	104%
Sep-03	1.12%	1.24%	111%
Oct-03	1.12%	1.24%	111%
Nov-03	1.13%	1.36%	121%
Dec-03	1.15%	1.32%	114%
Jan-04	1.11%	1.21%	110%
Feb-04	1.10%	1.17%	107%
Mar-04	1.09%	1.20%	110%
Apr-04	1.10%	1.27%	115%
May-04	1.10%	1.29%	117%
Jun-04	1.25%	1.28%	102%
Jul-04	1.41%	1.26%	89%
Aug-04	1.60%	1.40%	88%
Sep-04	1.78%	1.49%	83%
Oct-04	1.90%	1.72%	91%
Nov-04	2.19%	1.65%	75%
Dec-04	2.39%	1.67%	70%
Jan-05	2.49%	1.78%	72%
Feb-05	2.61%	1.88%	72%
Mar-05	2.81%	1.95%	69%
Apr-05	2.97%	2.50%	84%
May-05	3.09%	2.93%	95%
Jun-05	3.25%	2.39%	74%
Jul-05	3.43%	2.28%	67%
Aug-05	3.69%	2.44%	66%
Sep-05	3.78%	2.55%	68%
Oct-05	3.99%	2.66%	67%
Nov-05	4.15%	2.93%	71%
Dec-05	4.36%	3.10%	71%
Jan-06	4.48%	3.02%	67%
Feb-06	4.58%	3.13%	68%
Mar-06	4.76%	3.11%	65%
Apr-06	4.92%	3.45%	70%
May-06	5.08%	3.52%	69%
Jun-06	5.24%	3.74%	71%
Jul-06	5.37%	3.60%	67%

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	Daily Ave	Daily Ave	
	(a)	(b)	(b)/(a)
Aug-06	5.35%	3.53%	66%
Sep-06	5.33%	3.61%	68%
Oct-06	5.32%	3.57%	67%
Nov-06	5.32%	3.62%	68%
Dec-06	5.35%	3.70%	69%
Jan-07	5.32%	3.64%	68%
Feb-07	5.32%	3.63%	68%
Mar-07	5.32%	3.64%	68%
Apr-07	5.32%	3.79%	71%
May-07	5.32%	3.90%	73%
Jun-07	5.32%	3.76%	71%
Jul-07	5.32%	3.66%	69%
Aug-07	5.52%	3.76%	68%
Sep-07	5.48%	3.84%	70%
Oct-07	4.98%	3.56%	72%
Nov-07	4.75%	3.53%	74%
Dec-07	5.00%	3.25%	65%
Jan-08	3.95%	3.02%	76%
Feb-08	3.14%	2.86%	91%
Mar-08	2.80%	3.79%	135%
Apr-08	2.79%	2.23%	80%
May-08	2.63%	1.93%	73%
Jun-08	2.47%	2.77%	112%
Jul-08	2.46%	4.12%	168%
Aug-08	2.47%	3.03%	123%
Sep-08	2.94%	4.57%	155%
Oct-08	3.87%	4.89%	126%
Nov-08	1.68%	2.34%	139%
Dec-08	1.01%	1.02%	101%
Jan-09	0.39%	0.70%	181%
Feb-09	0.46%	0.68%	147%
Mar-09	0.53%	0.66%	124%
Apr-09	0.45%	0.63%	140%
May-09	0.35%	0.53%	153%
Jun-09	0.32%	0.45%	143%
Jul-09	0.29%	0.41%	142%
Aug-09	0.27%	0.43%	158%
Sep-09	0.25%	0.40%	161%
Oct-09	0.24%	0.39%	159%
Nov-09	0.24%	0.37%	157%
Dec-09	0.23%	0.38%	165%
Jan-10	0.23%	0.32%	138%
Feb-10	0.23%	0.32%	137%
Mar-10	0.24%	0.32%	135%
Apr-10	0.26%	0.35%	134%
May-10	0.33%	0.34%	101%
Jun-10	0.35%	0.33%	93%
Jul-10	0.33%	0.30%	90%
Aug-10	0.27%	0.31%	115%
Sep-10	0.26%	0.31%	119%
Oct-10	0.26%	0.27%	106%
Nov-10	0.25%	0.27%	107%
Dec-10	0.26%	0.29%	110%
Jan-11	0.26%	0.26%	100%
Feb-11	0.26%	0.26%	98%
Mar-11	0.25%	0.24%	96%
Apr-11	0.22%	0.24%	106%
May-11	0.20%	0.20%	100%
Jun-11	0.19%	0.12%	62%
Jul-11	0.19%	0.07%	38%
Aug-11	0.21%	0.18%	83%
Sep-11	0.23%	0.18%	78%
Oct-11	0.24%	0.17%	69%
Nov-11	0.25%	0.18%	70%
Dec-11	0.28%	0.18%	62%
Jan-12	0.28%	0.18%	64%
Feb-12	0.25%	0.22%	86%
Mar-12	0.24%	0.20%	84%
Apr-12	0.24%	0.25%	104%
May-12	0.24%	0.22%	90%
Jun-12	0.24%	0.19%	78%
Jul-12	0.25%	0.17%	68%
Aug-12	0.24%	0.16%	68%
Sep-12	0.22%	0.18%	81%
Oct-12	0.21%	0.20%	93%
Nov-12	0.21%	0.20%	95%
Dec-12	0.21%	0.15%	71%
Jan-13	0.21%	0.10%	51%
Feb-13	0.20%	0.13%	63%

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	Daily Ave	Daily Ave	
	(a)	(b)	(b)/(a)
Mar-13	0.20%	0.13%	66%
Apr-13	0.20%	0.18%	92%
May-13	0.20%	0.18%	90%
Jun-13	0.19%	0.11%	57%
Jul-13	0.19%	0.08%	43%
Aug-13	0.18%	0.09%	47%
Sep-13	0.18%	0.09%	49%
Oct-13	0.17%	0.10%	61%
Nov-13	0.17%	0.13%	78%
Dec-13	0.17%	0.14%	82%
Jan-14	0.16%	0.12%	74%
Feb-14	0.16%	0.11%	74%
Mar-14	0.15%	0.11%	73%
Apr-14	0.15%	0.13%	87%
May-14	0.15%	0.12%	80%
Jun-14	0.15%	0.10%	67%
Jul-14	0.15%	0.09%	61%
Aug-14	0.16%	0.09%	61%
Sep-14	0.15%	0.09%	55%
Oct-14	0.15%	0.08%	55%
Nov-14	0.15%	0.09%	59%
Dec-14	0.16%	0.08%	50%
Jan-15	0.17%	0.06%	38%
Feb-15	0.17%	0.06%	36%
Mar-15	0.18%	0.06%	35%
Apr-15	0.18%	0.09%	50%
May-15	0.18%	0.15%	79%
Jun-15	0.19%	0.13%	69%
Jul-15	0.19%	0.10%	55%
Aug-15	0.20%	0.09%	46%
Sep-15	0.20%	0.09%	47%
Oct-15	0.19%	0.10%	50%
Nov-15	0.21%	0.09%	45%
Dec-15	0.35%	0.08%	24%
Jan-16	0.43%	0.09%	20%
Feb-16	0.43%	0.08%	20%
Mar-16	0.44%	0.19%	45%
Apr-16	0.44%	0.41%	94%
May-16	0.44%	0.41%	93%
Jun-16	0.45%	0.43%	95%
Jul-16	0.48%	0.43%	89%
Aug-16	0.51%	0.49%	96%
Sep-16	0.53%	0.71%	134%
Oct-16	0.53%	0.77%	146%
Nov-16	0.56%	0.58%	103%
Dec-16	0.71%	0.66%	93%
Jan-17	0.77%	0.69%	89%
Feb-17	0.78%	0.66%	84%
Mar-17	0.93%	0.71%	77%
Apr-17	0.99%	0.90%	91%
May-17	1.01%	0.82%	81%
Jun-17	1.17%	0.83%	71%
Jul-17	1.23%	0.85%	69%
Aug-17	1.23%	0.79%	65%
Sep-17	1.23%	0.87%	71%
Oct-17	1.24%	0.93%	75%
Nov-17	1.29%	0.96%	75%
Dec-17	1.49%	1.25%	84%
Jan-18	1.56%	1.35%	86%
Feb-18	1.60%	1.10%	69%
Mar-18	1.80%	1.32%	73%
Apr-18	1.90%	1.75%	92%
May-18	1.95%	1.46%	75%
Jun-18	2.07%	1.33%	64%
Jul-18	2.08%	1.10%	53%
Aug-18	2.07%	1.53%	74%
Sep-18	2.18%	1.56%	72%
Oct-18	2.29%	1.60%	70%
Nov-18	2.32%	1.69%	73%
Dec-18	2.45%	1.70%	69%
Jan-19	2.51%	1.43%	57%
Feb-19	2.49%	1.64%	66%
Mar-19	2.49%	1.67%	67%
Apr-19	2.48%	1.90%	77%
May-19	2.44%	1.72%	70%
Jun-19	2.40%	1.79%	74%
Jul-19	2.31%	1.45%	63%
Aug-19	2.17%	1.45%	67%
Sep-19	2.04%	1.48%	72%



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Oct-19	1.88%	1.41%	75%
Nov-19	1.74%	1.18%	68%
Dec-19	1.75%	1.34%	77%
Jan-20	1.67%	1.10%	66%
Feb-20	1.64%	1.21%	74%
Mar-20	0.92%	2.68%	292%
Apr-20	0.68%	0.85%	124%
May-20	0.19%	0.27%	139%
Jun-20	0.18%	0.19%	102%
Jul-20	0.17%	0.21%	125%
Aug-20	0.16%	0.17%	106%
Sep-20	0.15%	0.16%	108%
Oct-20	0.15%	0.17%	116%
Nov-20	0.14%	0.17%	121%
Dec-20	0.15%	0.15%	100%
Jan-21	0.13%	0.11%	85%
Feb-21	0.11%	0.06%	56%
Mar-21	0.11%	0.07%	70%
Apr-21	0.11%	0.10%	91%
May-21	0.10%	0.11%	113%
Jun-21	0.09%	0.07%	76%
Jul-21	0.09%	0.05%	54%
Aug-21	0.09%	0.04%	46%
Sep-21	0.08%	0.04%	50%
Oct-21	0.09%	0.08%	92%
Nov-21	0.09%	0.08%	89%
Dec-21	0.10%	0.11%	106%
Jan-22	0.08%	0.08%	95%
Feb-22	0.10%	0.19%	184%
Mar-22	0.32%	0.37%	115%
Apr-22	0.47%	0.52%	112%
May-22	0.83%	0.76%	91%
Jun-22	1.32%	0.85%	64%
Jul-22	1.92%	0.93%	49%
Aug-22	2.36%	1.77%	75%
Sep-22	2.84%	1.78%	62%
Oct-22	3.32%	2.46%	74%
Average			85%

	Forward 1 Mo BSBY Index <sup>2</sup> (1)	Historical Floating Rate PCRB / 30 Day LIBOR (2)	Forecast Floating Rate PCRB (1) * (2)
12/31/2022		(Actual 12/31/22 PCRB Remarket Rate)	3.843%
3/31/2023	4.73%	85%	4.021%
6/30/2023	4.96%	85%	4.216%
9/30/2023	4.90%	85%	4.168%
12/31/2023	4.62%	85%	3.930%
5QE Ave			4.036%
12/31/2023	4.62%	85%	3.930%
3/31/2024	3.91%	85%	3.321%
6/30/2024	3.61%	85%	3.072%
9/30/2024	3.34%	85%	2.837%
12/31/2024	3.06%	85%	2.598%
5QE Ave			3.152%

<sup>1</sup>Beginning with Jan 2022, the Bloomberg 1-Month Short Term Bank Yield Index (USD) replaced 30 Day LIBOR as the referenced short-term borrowing rate index.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bloomberg L.P. (2/2/23)

Rocky Mountain Power  
Exhibit 3.6  
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Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Nikki L. Koblaha  
Cost of Preferred Stock

March 2023

**PACIFICORP**  
**Electric Operations**  
**Cost of Preferred Stock**  
**12 Months Ended December 31, 2024**

Line No.	Description of Issue (1)	Issuance Date (2)	Call Price (3)	Annual Dividend Rate (4)	Shares O/S (5)	Total Par or Stated Value O/S (6)	Net Premium & (Expense) (7)	Net Proceeds to Company (8)	% of Gross Proceeds (9)	Cost of Money (10)	Annual Cost (11)	Line No.
1	Serial Preferred, \$100 Par Value											1
2	7.00% Series	(a)	None	7.000%	18,046	\$1,804,600	(b)	\$1,804,600	100.000%	7.000%	\$126,322	2
3	6.00% Series	(a)	None	6.000%	5,930	\$593,000	(b)	\$593,000	100.000%	6.000%	\$35,580	3
4												4
5	<b>Total Cost of Preferred Stock</b>			<b>6.753%</b>	<b>23,976</b>	<b>\$2,397,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,397,600</b>		<b>6.753%</b>	<b>\$161,902</b>	5
6												6
7												7
8	(a) These issues replaced an issue of The California Oregon Power Company as a result of the merger of that Company into Pacific Power & Light Co.											
9	(b) Original issue expense/premium has been fully amortized or expensed.											
10												10