

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF PACIFICORP FOR AUTHORITY TO)
RESTRUCTURE THE COMPANY INTO SIX)
SEPARATE STATE ELECTRIC)
COMPANIES, A GENERATION COMPANY)
AND A SERVICE COMPANY)

Docket No. 20000-EA-00-161
(Record No. 6290)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
(Issued April 2, 2001)

1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and its Rules, the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that PacifiCorp has applied to the Commission for authority to restructure the company into six separate state electric companies, a generation company and a service company (the Application).

2. PacifiCorp is an electric public utility as defined in W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi), and it is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under W.S. § 37-2-112. It provides retail electric public utility service to various areas of Wyoming under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission.

3. On December 1, 2000, PacifiCorp filed the Application in this case with the Commission to substantially change its corporate structure. PacifiCorp states that it has concluded that its existing business organizational structure, now that of a vertically integrated, multi-jurisdictional public utility, should be changed because, in PacifiCorp's opinion, its existing structure and the interjurisdictional allocation process "... are sources of risk and uncertainty that are not in the long-term best interests of its customers or its shareholders." PacifiCorp acknowledged that the proposed restructuring would be complex and would necessitate further filings of information with the Commission before the subject could be fully considered. PacifiCorp also acknowledged that the restructuring could not take place without the concurrence of all six jurisdictions in which PacifiCorp provides service.

4. PacifiCorp proposes the creation of individual state companies which would provide retail public utility service, a generation company, and a service company. The new companies would be owned by a non-operating United States holding company which would remain a part of the ScottishPower group. In a separate filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), PacifiCorp has proposed that its transmission assets be controlled by a regional transmission organization (RTO), although PacifiCorp would retain ownership of those assets. Each state jurisdiction would regulate a retail utility company. The generation entity and transmission assets would be regulated by the FERC, and the service company would be regulated by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

5. The proposal would result in a permanent allocation of generation costs and benefits among the states in which PacifiCorp serves. PacifiCorp states that this would "... allow each state to pursue regulatory policies deemed appropriate without affecting customers in other states or treating shareholders unfairly." Most of the smaller single-state retail electric companies would have long-term contracts with the PacifiCorp generation company to provide customers with continued access to PacifiCorp's generation resources.

6. This is not a complete description of PacifiCorp's Application, and the final outcome will depend on the outcome of the public hearings in this case. Customers with questions about the impact of the case on them should contact PacifiCorp for further information.

7. Anyone desiring to intervene and become a party to this proceeding or to file a statement, representation or protest regarding the Application must file the same in writing with the Commission at or before the close of business on May 4, 2001. PacifiCorp has asked for a prehearing conference in this proceeding, and persons seeking to intervene are encouraged to suggest both subjects to be considered at such a conference and the timing thereof.

8. Interested persons may inspect the Application at PacifiCorp's offices in Casper (Casper Service

Center and Casper Region Office), Cody, Evanston, Laramie, Pinedale, Rawlins, Riverton, Rock Springs and Worland, during regular business hours. The Application may also be inspected at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours. The Application may be reviewed on line at: <http://www.pacificorp.com/Regulatory/wyoming/filings/wysrpfiling.pdf>

9. For more information, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 in Cheyenne during regular business hours or write to them at Suite 300, Hansen Building, 2515 Warren Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 1-800-877-9965. Please contact us as soon as possible to help us serve you better.

10. This Notice of Application may be published without its caption and signature block as an official notice in this matter.

11. This notice is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on April 2, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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