

May 6, 2020

#### **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3398

Attn: Filing Center

RE: LC 67—PacifiCorp's Compliance Filing—New Wind and Transmission Projects Quarterly Update

PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power provides the attached report to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) and staff, in compliance with Order No. 18-138, to provide quarterly updates to the Commission and staff as the development of the new wind projects from the 2017R Request for Proposals and transmission projects proceed. This report includes the update for the first quarter of 2020. Updates from the fourth quarter 2019 update have been provided in redline.

Please direct any questions regarding this report to Cathie Allen, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, at (503) 813-5934.

Sincerely,

Michael Wilding Director, Regulation

cc: Rose Anderson, OPUC Staff

# New Wind & Transmission Projects Quarterly Update

## Public Utility Commission of Oregon First Quarter 2020













## 2017 IRP OPUC Acknowledgement Order

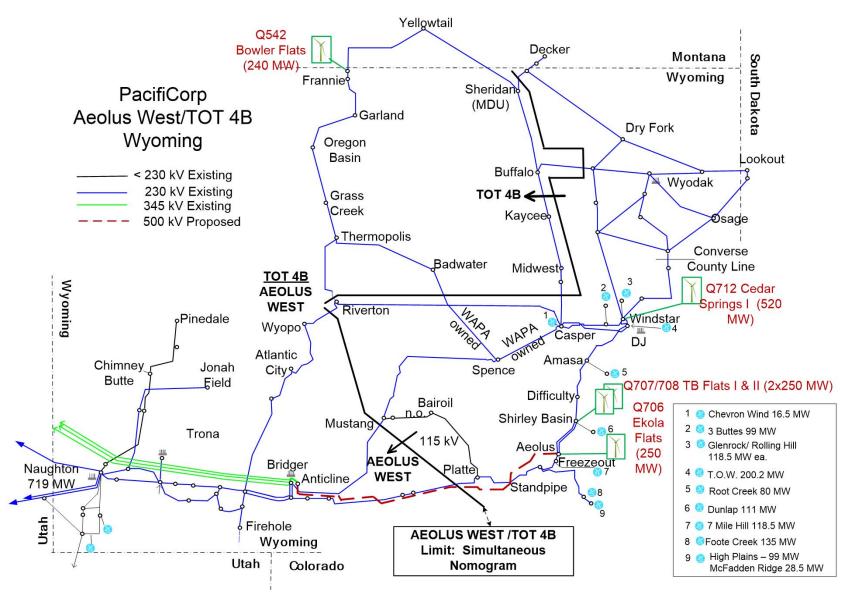


 2017 IRP Acknowledgement Order, Order No. 18-138, docket LC 67, Appendix A:

Provide quarterly updates to the Commission and Staff as development of the projects chosen in the 2017R RFP and the transmission projects proceed (through the date the projects go into service).

### Transmission/New Wind - Wyoming





POWERING YOUR GREATNESS

## 2017R RFP Wind Projects Status Update

|                                    | TB Flats I & II<br>(PacifiCorp)   | Ekola Flats<br>(PacifiCorp)   | Cedar Springs<br>(NextEra)  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Interconnection                    | Shirley Basin POI; LGIA executed  | Aeolus POI; LGIA executed   | Windstar POI; A&R LGIA executed   |
| Safe Harbor Turbines               | Assigned and documented   | Assigned and documented   | Assigned and documented   |
| Site Control                       | 50,000 acres private/state leases acquired; gen-tie right-of-way acquired                               | 17,000 acres private/state leases acquired; gen-tie right-of-way acquired                               | 70,000 acres private leases acquired; gen-tie right-of-way acquired                                     |
| Permitting Status                  | Permitting in process and on schedule; industrial siting and conditional use permits received           | Permitting in process and on schedule; industrial siting and conditional use permits received           | Permitting in process and on schedule; industrial siting and conditional use permits received           |
| Avian Data Collection / Permitting | Underway (24 Months); agency consultation continues; eagle incidental take permit application submitted | Underway (24 Months); agency consultation continues: eagle incidental take permit application submitted | Underway (24 Months); agency consultation continues: eagle incidental take permit application submitted |
| Contracts                          | Balance of plant EPC contract executed in August 2018 with FNTP issued in April 2019                    | Balance of plant EPC contract executed in August 2018 with FNTP issued in April 2019                    | Build-transfer agreement and power purchase agreement executed on October 19, 2018                      |
| Upcoming Milestones                | Begin WTG component deliveries to site April 2020   | Begin WTG component deliveries to site May 2020   | O&M building components deliveries<br>to site June 2020   |
| Outreach / Community Engagement    | Maintaining Industrial Siting Permit Conditions   | Maintaining Industrial Siting Permit Conditions   | Maintaining Industrial Siting Permit Conditions   |

POWERING YOUR GREATNESS

## Transmission Projects Status Update

|                     | Aeolus to Bridger Transmission   | Aeolus to Bridger Substation  | 230kV Network   |
|---------------------|--|---|---|
| Construction        | 500kV and 345kV structure foundations 100% complete  500kV and 345kV structure erection on track and 91% complete; structure erection activities resuming Q2 2020  500kV and 345kV wire stringing on track and 42% complete; wire stringing activities resuming April 2020 | Construction/modifications to Aeolus, Anticline and Jim Bridger substations underway; cable and steel installation, bus work and equipment installation ongoing at all three sites: a) Transformer factory testing nearing completion; four transformers in transit for on time delivery b) All reactors received on site currently being assembled c) Circuit breakers received and being installed Latham Substation: a) Substation expansion complete and in-service b) Installation of STATCOM device underway and on track. c) Transformers are in transit for on time delivery. Construction forecast to complete July 2020. d) Shunt capacitor additions at Hill Top and Grass Creek substations underway and on track RAS modifications: a) Engineering and procurement underway; b) Construction scheduled for summer 2020 | New transmission line construction underway, but schedule at risk due to winter weather and BLM winter range constraints. A contingency solution is underway to provide back-feed power to Ekola Flats by the June 15, 2020 required date. The scheduled project in-service date of October 31, 2020, is not impacted.  a) Shirley Basin - Aeolus substation (16 miles); Planned for late summer 2020, contingent upon Shirley Basin - Aeolus - Freezeout completion first  b) Aeolus - Freezeout (4 miles) c) Freezeout - Standpipe (12 miles) Substation construction/modifications at all locations are on track: a) Windstar: Underway b) Shirley Basin: Underway c) Freezeout: Complete d) Wind Farm Collector Substations: Underway |
| Permitting Status   | All required permits acquired  | All required permits acquired   | All required permits acquired   |
| Upcoming Milestones | Mechanical completion<br>August 31, 2020<br>On track   | Mechanical completion<br>August 31, 2020<br>On track  | Mechanical completion<br>August 31, 2020<br>At risk due to BLM restrictions<br>Contingency plan underway  |

#### Transmission Planning Update



#### Complete

- Updating the power system model for Wyoming to include the PacifiCorp 2017R RFP short list resources as well as the latest computer model for the Vestas V136-4.3 MW wind turbines
- Completed the detailed analysis for both the Standpipe, Aeolus and Bridger (C/D) remedial action schemes (RASs) as well as engineering review of the three RAS schemes and initial presentation to WECC RAS Reliability Subcommittee (RASRS)
- Completed the Investment Appraisal Document (IAD) for replacing the dynamic line rating equipment on the Platte – Standpipe 230 kV line with newer technology equipment. (This dynamic line rating is key to achieving necessary transfers on the Aeolus West transmission path.)

#### **In-Process**

- Design of the Aeolus Area Voltage Control Scheme utilizing wind farm dynamic reactive capabilities
- Coordination between Transmission Planning and Grid Operations is continuing to assure a smooth operational transition from project pre-D.2 project to the post-D.2 project configuration
- Aeolus West FAC-013-2 Assessment of Transfer Capability (effective summer 2021)

#### **Future**

- Approval of the Aeolus RAS and modifications to the Standpipe and Bridger (C/D) RAS by the WECC Aeolus West Path Rating:
  - California ISO RC West System Operating Limit (SOL) studies