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#### **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

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 2021. Updates since the fourth quarter 2020 update have been provided in redline.

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

Sincerely,

Shelley McCoy

Director, Regulation

cc: Rose Anderson, OPUC Staff

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# New Wind & Transmission Projects Quarterly Update

## Public Utility Commission of Oregon First Quarter 2021













## 2017 IRP OPUC Acknowledgement Order

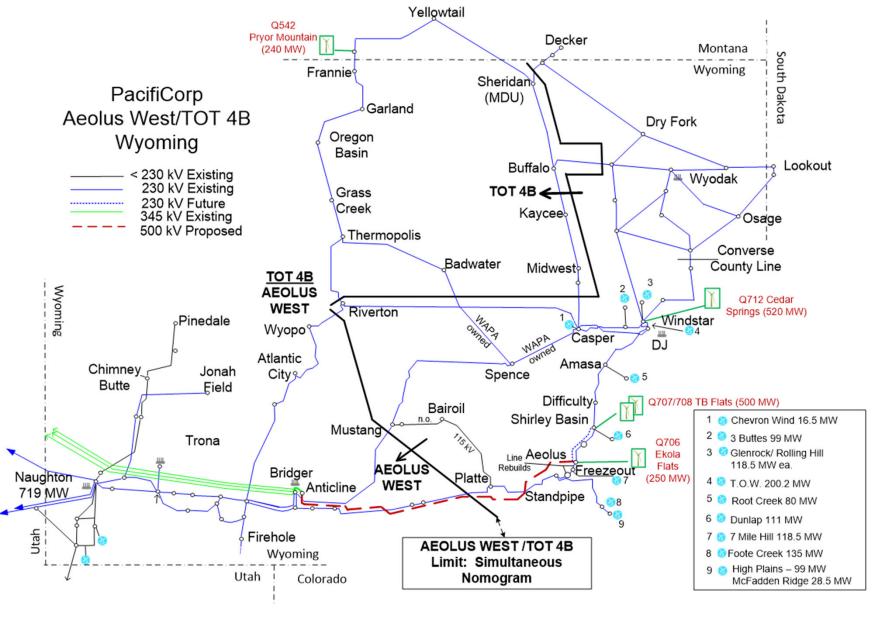


 2017 IRP Acknowledgement Order, Order No. 18-138, docket LC 67, Appendix A:

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





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## 2017R RFP Wind Projects Status Update

	TB Flats (PacifiCorp)	Ekola Flats (PacifiCorp)	Cedar Springs II (NextEra)
Interconnection	Shirley Basin POI; LGIA executed	Aeolus POI; LGIA executed; LGIA COD achieved April 1, 2021	Windstar POI; A&R LGIA executed; LGIA COD achieved April 1, 2021
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; gentie 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; BTA transaction closed on December 1, 2020
Upcoming Milestones	Commissioning of the 104 wind turbines erected in 2020 completed on April 5, 2021; the remaining 28 wind turbines are expected to be placed inservice by July 31, 2021	Complete punch list items by August 31, 2021	Complete punch list items by August 31, 2021
Outreach / Community Engagement	Maintaining Industrial Siting Permit Conditions	Maintaining Industrial Siting Permit Conditions	Maintaining Industrial Siting Permit Conditions

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### Transmission Projects Status Update



	Aeolus to Bridger Transmission	Aeolus to Bridger Substation	230kV Network
Construction	The transmission line was placed in-service November 3, 2020	Aeolus, Anticline and Jim Bridger Substations all fully complete and placed in-service November 3, 2020.  Shunt Capacitors at Grass Creek and Hill Top all complete and placed in-service November 2020.  RAS Modifications complete and placed inservice November 3, 2020.  Latham STATCOM complete and placed in-service November 12, 2020  Final punchlist work is nearing completion	<ul> <li>230kV transmission line completion status:</li> <li>a) Shirley Basin – Aeolus #2: Completed, inservice September 3, 2020</li> <li>b) Freezeout – Standpipe: Completed, inservice October 13, 2020</li> <li>c) Aeolus – Freezeout: Completed, inservice October 23, 2020</li> <li>d) Shirley Basin – Aeolus #1 line: completed, inservice November 5, 2020</li> <li>Substation construction/modifications at all locations complete and energized:</li> <li>a) Windstar: Complete</li> <li>b) Shirley Basin: Complete</li> <li>c) Freezeout: Complete</li> <li>d) Wind Farm Collector Substations: Complete</li> </ul>
Permitting Status	All required permits acquired	All required permits acquired	All required permits acquired
Upcoming Milestones	Energized November 3, 2020	Energized November 3, 2020	Energized per notes above

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#### Transmission Planning Update



#### Complete

- Final FAC-013-02 transfer capability assessment studies were completed and distributed to affected utilities (WAPA, Idaho Power, PSCO (Xcel Energy), Tri-State, Deseret Power, Black Hills and Basin Electric)
- RFP/eAuction process for the dynamic line rating (DLR) system to be added to the existing Dave
   Johnston Amasa Difficulty Shirley Basin 230 kV line to maximize transmission line utilization
   during the varying wind conditions in eastern Wyoming has been completed and awarded to the low bidder
- The updated Bridger Remedial Action Schemes (RAS) was completed and placed in-service
- The Aeolus RAS was completed and placed in-service
- The Latham STATCOM was tested and placed in-service
- The Aeolus Area Voltage Control Scheme utilizing wind farm dynamic reactive capabilities is operational
- System Operating Limit (SOL) studies for the 2021 summer season were completed and approved March 29, 2021

#### **In-Process**

- Implementation of the Dave Johnston Amasa Difficulty Shirley Basin 230 kV line DLR system
  - Contract negotiations with Tri-State G&T to upgrade equipment at Difficulty ongoing