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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities  
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Date: April 23, 2007

Ref: Docket No. 07-035-08. Formal Complaint; Drake/Lambourne Ave.  
Neighborhood Vs. Rocky Mountain Power.

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**REQUEST**

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) requests an extension of time to fully evaluate the Formal Complaint of Dr. Richard Drake, on behalf of the Lambourne Ave. neighborhood, against Rocky Mountain Power (RMP). The Division should be able to indicate how much additional time will be necessary to complete its investigation at the technical conference scheduled for May 1, 2007.

**ISSUE**

On February 20, 2007, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting the Division to provide an explanation and statement of issues to be addressed in relation to the above referenced formal complaint. This memo is in response to that Action Request.

The Division has reviewed the filings by Dr. Drake and Rocky Mountain Power and offers the following as a preliminary The issues raised in Dr. Drake's formal complaint, as understood by the Division, are that Rocky Mountain Power failed to properly maintain safe electrical

insulators in violation of NESC, Section 35 , Table 235-6, page 135 (NESC 2002 edition). As a result, there are large a number of failed insulator pins which resulted in numerous power outages, downed wires, flash over problems and pole fires in the Mill-Creek area. The Company has countered that the pins have not failed, but acknowledges that in the Mill Creek area there are pins that can be classified as “squatters.” The Company claims that these squatters do not pose immediate hazardous conditions and that the service reliability is reasonable in the Mill Creek area.

There is a technical conference on this matter scheduled on May 1, 2007. The Division would like to incorporate the findings of this technical conference into its response to the action request. The Division therefore requests that the Commission extend the due date of the Division’s response to the Action Request until after the Technical Conference. The Division should be able to indicate how much additional time will be necessary to complete its investigation at the technical conference scheduled for May 1, 2007.

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