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Subject: Docket No. 07-035-T14 Annual Report for the Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program for Year 2012, Schedule 107 - Solar Incentive Program

Background

On March 29, 2013 Rocky Mountain Power (Company) filed its Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program (Schedule 107) Annual Report for Program Year 2012 (2012 Report) with the Public Service Commission (Commission). 2012 was the final year of the initial Pilot Program¹ and this is the final report that is to be provided pursuant to the Commission's order that originally established the Pilot Program.²

By Commission order each annual report shall, at a minimum, contain information on completed projects, program expenditures and recommendations for the following year. The 2012 Report provides, among other things, information on completed projects and program expenditures. As this is the final year of the Program it does not contain recommendations for the following year (2013).

¹ Docket No. 11-035-104 extended the initial five-year term for one additional year concluding at the end of 2012.

² Docket No. 07-035-T14, August 3, 2007 order.

Discussion

Correction

The Office identifies a date that should be corrected in the 2012 Report. Under Summary of 2012 Program Results on page 4, Table 1 identifies 2012 Program Installed Capacity and Expenditures. The descriptive paragraph preceding Table 1 references the “2011 Program” and “2011 projects” the Office notes that the 2011 references should be 2012.

Clarifications

In its review of Appendix 1 to the Report the Office discovered that the following four columns did not sum correctly: 1) Incentive, 2) Total system – kW, 3) system kW eligible for incentive, and 4) Total System Cost (\$). The Office requested corrected information or an explanation of the differences. The Company provided the following response:

“The differences in the columns are related to rounding; in the Appendix spreadsheet, only the first two decimals are shown. When more decimals are shown, the numbers are accurate. The Excel sheet containing the raw data is provided as Attachment OCS 1.9.D.”

Attachment OCS 1.9.D is provided with the Office’s electronic comments in this docket.

In the same Appendix 1 the Office noted that Project ID 120301.23 is listed with a total system kW of 2.86 yet the system kW eligible for incentive is 2.91. The Company explained that the customer did not calculate the size of the system accurately; when the Company recomputed the size based on the system configuration the correct number was determined to be 2.91kW. This was not the only instance of customer miscalculation, however generally the eligible kW’s were determined to be lower than the customer determined system size.

The Company’s responses to the Office’s data requests provided clarifying information and did not impact the requirements for annual reports.

Recommendation

The Office recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company’s Solar Incentive Photovoltaic Program Annual Report for 2012 as meeting the Commission’s reporting requirements for the program.