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**Subject:** Bridger Valley Electric Association Docket No. 09-022-T01

**ISSUE:**

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, Bridger Valley Electric Association, (BVEA) filed with the Utah Public Service Commission, (PSC) new Rate Schedules authorizing a five percent rate increase.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Division recommends that the PSC acknowledge BEVA's new rate schedules, with an effective date of August 1, 2009, and make them available for public inspection.

**DISCUSSION:**

BVEA filed new rate schedules with an effective date of August 1, 2009. The filed rate schedules reflect a 5% rate increase for all schedules.

For an average residential customer, the new rates are expected to increase the average monthly bill from \$59.85 to \$62.84. This is the first general rate increase BVEA has implemented since 1989.

Pursuant to 54-4-1.1 of the Utah Code, BVEA's Board of Directors approved these new rates at their regularly scheduled board meeting held on June 9, 2009. A public hearing was held on June 9, 2009 to discuss the changes to members. BVEA also included a special mailing in customer's July bill to remind them of the pending rate increase.

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge the new Rate Schedules of BVEA, effective August 1, 2009, and make them available for public inspection.

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