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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Utah Public Service Commission  
From: Division of Public Utilities  
Philip Powlick, Director  
Artie Powell, Manager, Energy Section  
Joni Zenger, Technical Consultant  
Subject: Rocky Mountain Power's Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Docket No. 09-035-54 (Action Request, dated November 23, 2009)  
Date: December 21, 2009

Recommendation: The Division requests the Commission set a Scheduling Conference at the earliest opportunity

**Background**

Rocky Mountain Power (Company) filed a Notice of Intent to File Application with the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) on June 30, 2009. The Commission issued an Order on July 22, 2009 that opened this docket and allowed parties to intervene pending a motion for a protective order and formal application for the CPCN.

On November 23, 2009, the Company filed its formal Application for a CPCN, along with accompanying testimony from Mr. Darrell T. Gerrard and Mr. Bruce Williams. The Commission issued an Action Request on November 23, 2009, requesting the Division to investigate this filing. The Company, in its Application, requests the Commission authorize the construction of a 500/345 kV transmission line known as the Mona-Oquirrh Transmission Line

(Project). The proposed line includes construction of the transmission line, as well as a new Mona Annex Substation and other substation and system improvements. The proposed project passes through Juab, Utah, Tooele, and Salt Lake Counties. The Division notes that numerous parties have filed comments in this docket, pertaining to siting and opposition to the proposed project. The Bureau of Land Management's final environmental impact statement is expected to be completed in April, 2010.

Recommendation

The Division has reviewed the Company's Application and requests that the Commission set a Scheduling Conference at the earliest opportunity. The Division will participate according to the Scheduling Order.

cc: Michele Beck, Committee of Consumer Services

Dave Taylor, PacifiCorp