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MEMORANDUM

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
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Date: August 12, 2010

Subject: Complete Filing Requirement in RMP Docket No. 10-035-89.

ISSUE:

On August 3, 2010, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) filed an application with the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) for Alternative Cost Recovery for Major Plant Additions of the Populus to Ben Lomond Transmission Line and the Dunlap I Wind Project pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §54-7-13.4. The application was also filed pursuant to the Test Period Stipulation filed in Docket No. 09-035-23 on May 14, 2009. Per Utah Code §54-7-12 (2) (b) (ii), parties have 14 days to challenge the completeness of the application. The completeness of a filing is defined by Commission rule R746-700-30.

RECOMMENDATION (Accept as Complete Filing):

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) has reviewed the Application, as filed, and believes it should be accepted as a complete filing as contained in the Commission's rule R746-700-30.

DISCUSSION:

The Division has reviewed the application and compared the material filed with the application to the rules in R746-700-30. The table in the attached spreadsheet lists the above rules and whether the Division has verified that information for the rule is contained in the filing. Based on the review, the Division concludes that RMP has filed information in each required area. Therefore, the Division is not challenging the completeness of RMP's filing. Although the Division has verified that information for each rule exists as required, the Division makes no judgment regarding the accuracy of the information or whether the Division agrees with the information as filed.

In its memorandum to the Commission on filing requirements for Docket No. 10-035-13, the Division asked that, in the next filing, if the Company believed that a requirement was not applicable, the Company should explain why it was not. For the most part, that was done in this Application. The Division appreciates that its recommendation was applied to this filing. The Division, as with the last filing, again encourages the Company to strengthen its response to filing requirement rule A.5 by providing specific responses, or refer to other specific filing requirement information provided in its filing, that establishes the prudence of the plant addition, and information addressing the provisions of 54-17-13.4, and the provisions of 54-17-302 and 54-17-303.

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