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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

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Ref: Docket No. 11-035-T01. Advice Filing 11-01 – Schedule 113 – Cool Cash Incentive Program.

RECOMMENDATION (approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) approve the proposed Tariff changes, Schedule 113 – Cool Cash Incentive Program for the State of Utah, and the replacement sheet – 113.1, with the language change proposed of the Office of Consumer Services (Office).

ISSUE AND DISCUSSION

On January 25, 2011, Rocky Mountain Power (Company) submitted its proposed Tariff changes, Schedule 113 – Cool Cash Incentive Program. The proposed change is the addition of a new evaporative cooling technology to the list of technologies eligible for incentive under the premium measures of the Cool Cash program. On January 25, the Commission issued an Action Request for the Division to investigate the filing and submit its response by February 17, 2011. The Company requested an effective date of February 25, 2011.

In this filing, the Company proposed the addition of a new evaporative cooling technology to the list of technologies that are eligible for incentive under the premium measures of the Cool Cash program. This new technology is Rigid Media evaporative cooling system. According to the Company, this technology is better suited for use in buildings located in areas with low humidity and large diurnal temperature swings such as Utah.

Currently, evaporative cooling technologies that are indirect, indirect/direct or single inlet direct are eligible for incentives under the premium measures. The incentive level the Company is proposing for the Rigid Media evaporative cooling systems are the same as these other systems. In addition, the Company indicated that the energy savings achieved from the proposed system is approximately the same as the premium evaporative technologies that are currently in place. Hence, the proposed technology is not expected to change the economics of the program. However, the Division notes that rigid media is an evaporative media and not an operational design. Therefore, the proposed language change should make it clear that it the operational designs using rigid media that is eligible for incentive. To that end, the Division supports the language change proposed by the Office.

Therefore, since the proposed technology is not affecting the economics of the program and is better suited for the weather conditions in Utah, the Division concluded that the addition of this new technology into the list of technologies that are eligible for incentive under the premium measures of the Program is reasonable and recommends that the Commission approve the proposed change to Sheet No. 113.1 modified as per the recommendation of the Office.

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