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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Public Service Commission of Utah Heber M. Wells Building, 4th Floor 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Attention:	Julie P. Orchard
	Commission Secretary

Re: Advice No. 11-07 Low Income Lifeline Program

Enclosed for filing are an original and two copies of a proposed tariff sheet associated with Tariff P.S.C.U No. 47 of PacifiCorp, d.b.a Rocky Mountain Power, applicable to electric service in the State of Utah. Pursuant to the requirement of Rule R746-405D, Rocky Mountain Power (the "Company") states that the proposed tariff sheet does not constitute a violation of state law or Commission rule. The Company will also provide an electronic version of this filing to psc@utah.gov. The Company respectfully requests an effective date of October 1, 2011 for these changes.

Fourth Revision of Sheet No. 91

Schedule 91 Surcharge to Fund Low Income Lifeline Program

Presently, Rocky Mountain Power provides an \$11.00 monthly Low Income Lifeline Credit for qualifying residential customers under Electric Service Schedule No. 3. The Company provides an additional \$10.00 monthly Life Support Assistance Credit Option to qualifying customers. Funding for these credits are provided through a surcharge collected under the terms of Electric Service Schedule No. 91. In response to the passage of Utah SB 75 both the low income credit and the surcharge collection rate were increased November 1, 2009. Since that time the number of qualifying residential customers receiving these credits has increased significantly. As a result, the credits provided under Schedule 3 have exceeded the collections under the Schedule 91 surcharge. To keep the program funded it is necessary to increase the Schedule 91 surcharge.

In compliance with Utah Code 54-17-13.6, the proposed increase brings the Schedule 91 surcharge rate to approximately 0.35% of revenues for rate schedules that are not at the \$50/month cap. For residential customers the surcharge is proposed to increase by three cents per month, from \$0.23 to \$0.26.

Attachment A to this filing includes a table that summarizes the proposed revisions by schedule to the Schedule 91 surcharge as well as a summary of historical and projected Schedule 3

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participating customers. The proposed surcharge amounts are estimated to collect \$4.566 million annually, which includes an estimated payment of \$30,000 to the Utah Department of Community and Culture to cover its actual costs incurred in qualifying households as income eligible. The proposed Schedule 91 surcharge represents an increase of \$466,000 over current rates. Column 4 illustrates the current monthly surcharge by schedule and column 6 shows the proposed monthly surcharge. The proposed surcharge rates were developed assuming a 3% increase in participation levels over the actual levels from July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011.

It is respectfully requested that all formal correspondence and Staff requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures