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## ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To:	Public Service Commission
From:	Division of Public Utilities Chris Parker, Director Energy Section Artie Powell, Manager Charles Peterson, Technical Consultant Doug Wheelwright, Utility Analyst
Date:	January 22, 2013
Subject:	Docket No. 12-035-119, Request for Approval of Customer Service Agreement with the City of Enterprise Utah

## **RECOMMEND APPROVAL:**

Executive Director

The Division recommends the Commission approve the Customer Service Agreement with the City of Enterprise Utah (City) and Leslie A. Barlow (Customer) allowing the City to serve the Customer's electric load located within Rocky Mountain Power's certified service territory.

## **ISSUE:**

On January 22, 2013, Rocky Mountain Power (Company) filed an application for approval of a Customer Service Agreement with the City of Enterprise Utah (City) and Leslie A. Barlow (Customer) allowing the City to serve the Customer's electric load. The electric service is for an irrigation pivot located at 550 N 800 E. The property is located outside the municipal boundaries of the City and is within the Service Territory of Rocky Mountain Power. The application included a copy of the Customer Service



Agreement dated October 22, 2012 and signed by all Parties. On January 22, 2013, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division of Public Utilities (Division) to review the Application and make recommendations. This is the Division's response to the action request.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Division has reviewed the initial Application and the Errata information submitted by the Company and has had discussions with Bob Lively from Rocky Mountain Power. During its review, the Division found errors and discrepancies between the Request for Approval documents submitted by the Company and the Customer Service Agreement signed by the Parties. While the discrepancies are minor, the Commission should be advised that the correct property address and purpose is found in the signed Customer Service Agreement.

The Customer has requested electric service for an irrigation pivot located at 550 North 800 East, Enterprise, UT. The service location is outside the Enterprise municipal boundaries but is approximately 15 feet from a City distribution facility. While the property is located within the Rocky Mountain Power service territory, the RMP distribution facilities are located approximately 2,000 feet from the customer load. RMP has estimated the cost to extend the distribution service to the Customer to be approximately \$15,000 while the City has estimated the cost to extend service to be \$6,400. The primary cost for both entities would be the installation of a new transformer.

The Parties agree that the Customer Service Agreement represents a compromise in the positions of all Parties. In consideration of the extension costs to provide service, RMP consents to the City serving this load that is located within the RMP Service Territory subject to the terms of the Customer Service Agreement. The Agreement will not affect the current RMP Service Territory and does not allow the City, the Customer or subsequent owners to expand further into the RMP Service Territory. RMP will retain

the legal and regulatory rights to serve any expansion of the Customer load and the Agreement may be terminated.

After a review of the documents and discussions with representatives from RMP, the Division believes that the Agreement is in the public interest and recommends the Commission approve the Customer Service Agreement between Rocky Mountain Power, Enterprise City and Leslie A. Barlow.

Cc: David L. Taylor, Rocky Mountain Power Daniel E. Solander, Rocky Mountain Power Michele Beck, Office of Consumer Services