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Subject: Docket No. 12-035-T15: Rocky Mountain Power's Schedule 107 – Solar Incentive Program. (Docket No. 11-035-104).

Background

On December 4, 2012, Rocky Mountain Power (Company) filed with the Public Service Commission (Commission) revised tariff sheets related to Schedule 107 - Solar Incentive Program.

Proposed Language Changes

1. Changes regarding participation restrictions (Utah Code Section 54-2-1(16)(d))

Tariff Sheet No. 107.2 under Purpose, currently restricts participation in the Solar Incentive Program from systems designed for the sale of power. The Company proposes to add language that would exempt systems that are compliant with Section 54-2-1(16)(d) of the Utah Code¹ from that restriction.

Additionally, language changes are proposed for Tariff Sheet No. 107.3 – 7 Incentive Claim Form. This change is necessary to allow the submission of the contract controlling the financial terms of the installation transaction for these compliant third party transactions in order to receive an incentive payment.

¹ The exemption is allowed for a government entity or a Sec. 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Office Response: The Office supports the Company's requested language revisions that will enable entities complying with Section 54-2-1(16)(d) of the Utah Code to participate in the solar incentive program. In the Office's view it was an oversight that an exemption for those parties was not included in the original filing which is rectified through this filing.

2. Requirement for written approval from the Company

Tariff Sheet 107.5 Special Condition 5 language is modified to more clearly specify that equipment purchased or installed prior to written approval from the Company that the customer has been accepted into the program will not be eligible for incentives.

Office Response: The Office supports this clarifying language change.

3. Timing of Application acceptance

Lastly, the Company proposes changes to Tariff Sheet No. 107.2 – 2.a. Enrollment Process. The new language more clearly defines the date on which the Company will begin accepting applications for each Program Year as January 15, or the next business day if January 15 falls on a weekend.

Office Response: The current language lacks clarity necessary for interested customers to reasonably submit applications to participate in the solar incentive program in a timely manner. This language modification resolves that issue.

Office Recommendation

The Office recommends that the Commission approve the Company's requested tariff language changes with an effective date of January 1, 2013.