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## **ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE**

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: September 9, 2013

Re: Demand-side management report pursuant to Commission order in Docket No. 09-035-

T08

Docket No. 13-035-130

# RECOMMENDATION (ACKNOWLEDGEMENT)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Utah DSM tariff rider balancing account analysis filed by Rocky Mountain Power (Company) as being in compliance with the Commission Order of August 25, 2009 in Docket No. 09-035-T08 approving the Phase I stipulation.

#### ISSUE

In Compliance with the Commission Order of August 25, 2009 in Docket No. 09-035-T08, on August 8, 2013, the Company filed the Utah DSM tariff rider balancing account analysis. On August 12, 2013 the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division to review for compliance and make recommendations on the Company's filing by September 7, 2013. Subsequent to the Commission's Action Request the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period requesting interested parties to file comments on September 9, 2013 with reply



comments due on September 19, 2013. This memorandum is in response to the Commission's Action Request<sup>1</sup>.

### DISCUSSION

On August 25, 2009, the Commission issued an Order approving the Phase I Stipulation in Docket No. 09-035-T08. The Phase I Stipulation required the Company to file semi-annually an analysis and forecast of the balancing account similar to that provided by the Company in Advice No. 09-08. In compliance with the above Order, on August 8, 2013, the Company filed the Utah DSM tariff rider balancing account analysis including the 2013 and 2014 forecast years. The report showed that, based on the Company's projections of the revenues and expenses of the Demand-Side tariff rider, the account balance will result in an over-collection in the amount of approximately \$1.3 million by December 2013. The account balance at the end of 2014 shows an under-collection amount of approximately \$7.2 million. The forecasted Monthly Program Costs as presented in Attachment A include costs associated with the Cool Keeper contract ending in August of 2013 and a new contract beginning in October 2013. The forecast does not include the Company's request to cancel Schedule 194² the Demand Side management Cost Adjustment Credit that if approved by the Commission would increase the rate recovery by approximately \$4.2 million.

The Commission's Order dated August 25, 2009 in Docket No. 09-035-T08 states:

The objective was to set Schedule 193 charges projected to result in a zero balance by the following annual review period.

As forecasted by the Company in Docket No. 13-035-136, the cancelation of Schedule 194 along with the increase in expense for the Cool Keeper Contract would decrease the over-collection balance to \$2.6 million. The Division will continue to monitor Schedule 193 and present recommendations if the balance in the account does not follow the Company's forecast.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Recognizing that September 7, 2013 is a Saturday

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Docket No. 13-035-136, In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Cancel Schedule 194.

## CONCLUSION

Based on its review of the Company's filing, the Division concludes that Company's Utah DSM tariff rider balancing account analysis complies with the Commission Order of August 25, 2009 in Docket No. 09-035-T08 approving the Phase I stipulation. The Division recommends acknowledgement of the filing.

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