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

Attention: Gary Widerburg

**Commission Secretary** 

Re: Advice No. 13-06

Schedule 135, Net Metering Service

Enclosed for filing are an original and two copies of proposed tariff page associated with Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 49 of Rocky Mountain Power applicable to electric service in the State of Utah. The Company will also provide an electronic version of this filing to <a href="mailto:psc@utah.gov">psc@utah.gov</a>. The Company respectfully requests an effective date of May 1, 2013.

First Revision of Sheet No. 135.4

Schedule 135

Net Metering Service

Schedule 135, Special Conditions 3 currently provides that all unused net metering credits expire in March of each year. In this filing Rocky Mountain Power proposes to modify Special Conditions 3 for Customers taking service under Schedule 10, Irrigation and Soil Drainage Pumping Service, to provide that unused net metering credits for these Customers expire in October each year, after the end of the irrigation season. The proposed Special Condition 3, with the added language underlined, reads as follows:

3. All unused credits accumulated by the customer-generator, except Customers taking service under Electric Service Schedule No. 10, shall expire with the regularly scheduled meter reading for the month of March of each year. For Customers taking service under Electric Service Schedule No. 10, all unused credits accumulated by the customer-generator shall expire with the regularly scheduled meter reading for the month of October of each year.

The Net Metering of Electricity section of the Utah Code, § 54-15-104(3)(a)(ii), states that "all credits that the customer does not use during the annualized billing period expire at the end of the annualized billing period." Previously § 54-15-102(1) defined the annualized billing period as "a 12-month billing cycle beginning on April 1 of one year and ending on March 31 of the following year." While the period works well for most customers, allowing them to consume throughout the winter any unused net metering credits generated during the summer, it does not work well for irrigation customers. With an expiration date in March each year, any unused net

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metering credits generated during the non-irrigation season would expire just prior to the irrigation season when irrigation customers use the majority of their electricity.

At the request of the Utah Farm Bureau, and with the support of Rocky Mountain Power, on March 26, 2013, Governor Herbert signed into law H.B. 284 which expanded the definition of annualized billing period to allow "an additional 12-month billing cycle as defined by an electrical corporation's net metering tariff or rate schedule." This statute change, in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Power's proposed tariff change, allows net metering irrigation customers to take advantage of net metering credit generated during the non-irrigation season and consume those credits during the irrigation season.

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

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Very truly yours,

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