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**VIA EMAIL**

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**Re: Utah Docket No. 14-035-114, In the Matter of the Investigation of the Costs and Benefits of PacifiCorp's Net Metering Program: *Questions in advance of the Nov. 5 technical conference on Rocky Mountain Power's residential load research study***

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I am writing on behalf of Utah Clean Energy, the Alliance for Solar Choice, the Sierra Club and UCARE. We look forward to working with Rocky Mountain Power throughout the Utah Commission's investigation into the costs and benefits of PacifiCorp's Utah net metering program. In anticipation of the technical conference scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> in Docket No. 14-035-114, we are reaching out to ask that RMP be prepared to answer the following questions we have regarding the Company's ongoing residential load research study. Of course, to the extent it would be more convenient or expedient, we would appreciate written responses to each of these questions in advance of the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It is our understanding that Rocky Mountain Power is reaching out to residential net metering customers and requesting permission to install advanced meters that collect more detailed information about their consumption and on-site generation. We believe that this effort is part of the Company's load research study that will be discussed at the upcoming technical conference and have the following questions:

1. How is Rocky Mountain Power selecting customers for its research study, and what efforts is RMP making to ensure a representative sample in terms of average electricity use patterns, size of installed system, and location?
2. How many residential customers are being approached by Rocky Mountain Power for this study?

3. Are commercial NEM customers being included in this load research program?
4. How granular will the available data be?
5. How will this study be used to define and assign values to costs and benefits of net metering?
6. Will customers have access to their own data? If so, has RMP considered how providing this information may affect the energy consumption behavior of the participant?
7. Will the data from this study be made fully available to interested parties, such as intervenors in the general rate case, with redactions made as needed to protect customer privacy?
8. What other resources did Rocky Mountain Power consult in regards to designing and conducting its study?
9. What is the duration of the study as proposed by Rocky Mountain Power?
10. Will Rocky Mountain Power continue to collect data after the load study period lapses?
11. Will Rocky Mountain Power consider expanding the geographic or demographic scope of the current sample to ensure representative results for the entire range of net metering customers in Utah?
12. Why is Rocky Mountain Power offering a monetary incentive for NEM customer participation, and what efforts were made to encourage participation without a monetary incentive?
13. How large is the budget for these incentive payments, and how much has been spent to date?
14. How does Rocky Mountain Power plan to recover the cost of the incentives being paid to NEM customers to have these meters installed?

We appreciate your consideration of these questions in advance of the technical conference. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions. We look forward to learning more about the Company's load research study and related matters in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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