

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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In the Matter of the Voluntary
Request of Rocky Mountain
Power for Approval of Docket No. 14-035-147
Resource Decision and Request
for Accounting Order

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PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING PROCEEDINGS  
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TAKEN AT: Public Service Commission
 Hearing Room 403
 160 East 300 South
 Salt Lake City, Utah

DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2015

TIME: 5:11 p.m.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: On the record.

3 It's our understanding that no one's yet appeared,
4 it being ten or eleven minutes after the appointed hour. So
5 we will be in recess until 5:30, and then if we're still
6 waiting and no one has appeared, then we'll adjourn, go
7 about our activities for the evening. We didn't want to
8 leave you in suspense, however, so--thank you very much.
9 We're in recess until 5:30, unless someone arrives who
10 desires to be heard before that time; then we'll get back in
11 session. So don't wander too far off, at least the
12 essential parties. Thank you. Which is mostly the
13 reporter.

14 (Recess taken, 5:09-5:33 p.m.)

15 THE HEARING OFFICER: On the record.

16 Let the record reflect it's 5:33. And I believe
17 we're yet in the position of having no one have appeared to
18 address the Commission as part of the public witness
19 hearing. Is that true or is there anyone here to speak?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No one's volunteering.

21 THE HEARING OFFICER: No one is indicating a
22 desire to speak. And so unless there's anything further,
23 we'll be adjourned.

24 MS. HOGLE: There is something further, your
25 Honor. Thank you for indulging me. And I think you may be

1 expecting this, but given there is no public opposition--

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: Uh-huh (Affirmative).

3 MS. HOGLE: --and parties' support for the
4 stipulation, the Company respectfully requests a bench order
5 from you for approval to the application as filed.

6 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Hogle, can you give us a
7 sense of what time pressures the Company's feeling or what
8 interest would be served by doing that today?

9 MS. HOGLE: Certainly. Really it comes from the
10 experience that I've had before you commissioners; and that
11 is, when something makes sense and is in the public interest
12 and there's no opposition, in particular in this case when
13 we have a deadline of May 27th, 2015, it appears to me and
14 to the Company that when parties get together like this and
15 are able to reach an agreement for a transaction that is so
16 obviously in the public interest, this Commission is not
17 afraid to act and to--and to render a decision that is--is
18 prudent.

19 THE HEARING OFFICER: We'll be off the record for
20 a few minutes to consider the request, and we'll try not
21 keep you much longer.

22 MS. HOGLE: Appreciate that. Thank you.

23 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

24 Off the record.

25 (Recess taken, 5:35-5:37 p.m.)

1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Schmid and Mr. Olsen, do
2 you have any guidance for the Commission regarding the
3 request of the applicant?

4 MS. SCHMID: I believe that a bench order would
5 allow the Company to move forward with more certainty and
6 allow the Company to perhaps even move quicker because it
7 could start earlier than awaiting an order for approval.

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: And that's a positive
9 outcome, in your mind?

10 MS. SCHMID: I think that's a positive thing. I
11 think that the evidence has demonstrated that the
12 transaction is in the public interest, the stipulation is in
13 the public interest, and the public interest would be served
14 by allowing the--the transaction to proceed.

15 MR. OLSEN: Your Honor, along those lines, the
16 negotiations took place with the understanding that there
17 was a timeline in late May in which it could possibly undo
18 the activity. The stipulation itself is quite comprehensive
19 and was very thoroughly argued during the course of the
20 negotiation, and I don't think we would have an objection to
21 a bench order consistent with that comprehensive
22 stipulation.

23 THE HEARING OFFICER: The motion for a bench order
24 is granted. The Commission finds that the evidentiary
25 support that's been received in evidence today in the form

1 of prefiled testimony, as well as the testimony that has
2 been presented, supports findings of fact that the--that the
3 Commission's approval of the settlement stipulation is just
4 and reasonable and in the public interest. And we conclude,
5 as a matter of law, that approval of the settlement
6 stipulation is consistent with the authorities that have
7 been presented and were presented in the application--that
8 is, the statutory authorities--on which our action is
9 sought. And we'll issue a written order that will further
10 explicate those findings and conclusions in due course.

11 Anything further?

12 MS. HOGLE: Thank you.

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: We're adjourned.

14 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

15 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you all very much.

16 (Proceedings concluded at 5:38 p.m.)
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