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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director

Artie Powell, Energy Section Manager

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Date: January 12, 2015

Re: **Rocky Mountain Power Demand Side Management Request for Approval to Revise Schedule for Mandatory Reports**

Docket No. 14-035-149

RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) approve Rocky Mountain Power's (Company) proposed changes to the Demand Side Management (DSM) compliance reports.

ISSUE

On December 17, 2014, the Company filed with the Commission a request to modify three DSM reports currently provided in compliance with Commission orders. The Company is requesting an effective date of January 1, 2015. On December 17, 2014, the Commission issued an Action Request for the Division to review the filing and make recommendations by January 16, 2015. Also on December 17, 2014 the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period for interested parties to file comments on the application by January 16, 2015. This memo is in response to the Commission's Action Request.

DISCUSSION

The Company currently provides three reports to the Commission and the DSM Steering Committee, a monthly DSM Balancing Account Report, a quarterly New Homes Report and a semi-annual Cool Keeper Audit Report. Conditions have changed since the inception of these reports therefore the Company is requesting a change. The Company is proposing to change the DSM Balancing Account Report to a quarterly report, discontinue the Cool Keeper Audit Report and include the New Homes Report in the DSM annual report.

The monthly DMS Balancing Account Report provides the Commission and the DSM Steering Committee detail of the amounts charged to Schedule 193 by DSM program, total amounts billed by rate schedule, and the ending balance. The Company feels that providing the report on a monthly basis is no longer necessary and is requesting a change to a quarterly report. The Division agrees that a change to a quarterly report still allows the Division, along with the DSM Steering Committee, a timely review of the Balancing Account.

The Cool Keeper Audit Report was created to provide the Commission with an auditable report of costs associated with the purchase of new equipment. The equipment costs appeared to be within budget although there were issues with receiving equipment timely that moved costs from 2013 to 2014. The installation of the equipment is now complete and program costs are back to day to day operations. The Division will be reviewing the DSM expenses during its annual audit of the DSM program, therefore the Cool Keeper Audit Report is no longer necessary.

The New Homes Quarterly Report began in mid-2012 so the Commission could monitor the participation rates based on program improvements. The Company has shown in Figure 1 that participation in the New Homes Program has increased through the 3rd quarter of 2014. The Company has proposed to include the New Homes Report in the DSM Annual Report. The Division believes that an annual review of participation in the program would be sufficient.

The Company is requesting an effective date of January 1, 2015. The Division has no objections to implementing the changes retroactively beginning January 1, 2015.

CONCLUSION

The Division has reviewed the changes as proposed by the Company and recommends that the Commission approve the modifications to the DSM reports.

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