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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

REDACTED

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities

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Date: March 11, 2014

Subject: Docket No. 14-035-19: In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of its Agreement for Electric Service to Additional Customers with Monroe City, Utah.

RECOMMENDATION: (Approve)

The Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) approve the Amendment to the Customer Service Agreement (Agreement) between Rocky Mountain Power and Monroe City.

ISSUE

In an application dated February 7th, 2014, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) requests that the Commission approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Monroe City (City), whereby the Company and City agree pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 63G-4-201,

203 and Utah Admin. Code R746-100-3, that Monroe City will provide electric service to specified customers [REDACTED] (Customers), whose property is located outside the municipal boundaries of the City.

DISCUSSION

Senate Bill 180 (SB 180), passed in the 2013 General Session, provides a framework for the transfer of customers between an electric corporation and a municipality. Specifically, this statute provides a framework for new customers who request service after June 15, 2013.

Contracts under this statute are approved by the Commission.

According to the City, the Customers are located about 100 feet from the nearest Monroe City distribution facilities and about 1.3 miles from the nearest Rocky Mountain Power distribution facilities. The Company has also stated they do not provide maintenance and repair services to Monroe City. This agreement will not affect any other current Rocky Mountain Power Customers.

The Amendment between the Company and the City is dated January 29th, 2014.¹ The application is for the approval of an Amendment to the Agreement dated September 27, 2013 between the Company and the City that was approved by the Commission in Docket No. 13-035-162. The petition is provided as a convenience to the Customers and is based upon the unique circumstances and conditions associated with the location of the Customers; i.e. that it is presently uneconomic for the Company to provide electric service to the Customer, but it is relatively convenient and economical for the City to provide electric service. Pursuant to Utah Code Section 10-8-14, the parties have petitioned the Commission for approval of the Amendment to the Agreement.

¹ January 29, 2014 is the date of the most recent signature on the document.

Conclusion

Given these factors, the Division recommends Commission approval of RMP's the Amendment to the Agreement with Monroe City.

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