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RE: Docket No. 14-035-80, "In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's 2014 Smart Grid Monitoring Report"

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On July 1, 2014, PacifiCorp, dba Rocky Mountain Power, ("PacifiCorp"), in compliance with a Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") order issued on November 30, 2011, in Docket No. 08-999-05 ("2011 Order"), filed its 2014 Smart Grid Monitoring Report ("2014 Report"). Also on July 1, 2014, the Commission issued an action request to the Division of Public Utilities ("Division") requesting an evaluation of the 2014 Report and on July 8, 2014, the Commission issued a notice of filing and comment period ("Notice"). On September 4, 2014, the Division filed a memorandum in response to the Commission's action request and the Office of Consumer Services ("Office") filed comments in response to the Commission's Notice. On September 11, 2014, Utah Clean Energy ("UCE") filed late comments. No party filed reply comments.

The Division believes that, with the exception that PacifiCorp has yet to present the 2014 Report to the Demand Side Management Advisory Group as directed by the Commission, the 2014 Report complies with the Commission's 2011 Order and the Division recommends the Commission acknowledge it. The Division offers the following recommendations regarding future reports: 1) PacifiCorp should indicate when it expects to make conclusions regarding some smart grid technologies that have been under study for several years in other states and companies, 2) PacifiCorp should provide a notice to the Commission when it has presented the 2014 Report to the DSM Advisory Group, and 3) the Commission should order PacifiCorp to continue to monitor and briefly report on microgrid technologies.

The Office recommends the Commission acknowledge the 2014 Report as complying with previous Commission orders. The Office notes all pages of the addendum attached to the 2014 Report are classified as confidential even though the same information was considered a public document in previous smart grid reports. In future reports, the Office recommends PacifiCorp more carefully identify the information that is properly classified as confidential in its addendum. Also, the Office notes two items required by the 2011 Order were not listed in the Report Requirement Table and should be listed in the table in future reports. Further, the Office recommends PacifiCorp take the necessary steps to ensure that the required discussion of the 2014 Report takes place at the next DSM Advisory Group meeting.

UCE appreciates PacifiCorp's ongoing work on smart grid technologies and its continued research on different programs. UCE believes the 2014 Report is representative of PacifiCorp's stated long-term and short-term goals and appreciates PacifiCorp's commitment to monitor progress on several smart grid related projects and technologies. For future reports, UCE recommends PacifiCorp explore further: 1) Opportunities to upgrade its infrastructure to incorporate distributed generation while maintaining reliability and power quality, 2) using demand response technologies for reducing load ramping and load shaping, 3) using time of use rates to directly modify consumer energy use, and 4) conducting informal technical conferences on smart grid programs occurring around the country.

The Commission has reviewed the 2014 Report and parties' comments and recommendations. The parties offer constructive recommendations and areas of improvement for future smart grid reports. The Commission encourages PacifiCorp to consider these recommendations while maintaining continued focus on smart grid issues in future reports and to notify the Commission when it has presented the 2014 Report to the DSM Advisory Group. Subject to receipt of that notice, the Commission acknowledges the 2014 Report as complying with the 2011 Order.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary

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