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Public Service Commission of Utah  
Heber M. Wells Building, 4th Floor  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Attention: Gary Widerburg  
Commission Secretary

Re: Advice No. 14-10  
Low Income Residential Lifeline Program

Enclosed for filing are an original and five copies of proposed tariff sheets listed below associated with Tariff P.S.C.U No. 50 of PacifiCorp, d.b.a Rocky Mountain Power, applicable to electric service in the state of Utah. Pursuant to the requirement of Rule R746-405D, Rocky Mountain Power (the "Company") states that the proposed tariff sheets do not constitute a violation of state law or Commission rule.

The Company intends to provide an electronic version of this filing to [psc@utah.gov](mailto:psc@utah.gov). The Company respectfully requests an effective date of January 1, 2015 for these changes.

First Revision of Sheet No. B.1		Tariff Index
First Revision of Sheet No. 91	Schedule 91	Surcharge to Fund Low Income Residential Lifeline Program
Original Sheet No. 92	Schedule 92	Low Income Residential Lifeline Program Surcharge Refund Credit

Presently, Rocky Mountain Power provides a \$12.60 monthly Low Income Lifeline Credit for qualifying residential customers under Electric Service Schedule No. 3. This is an increase from a \$11.00 monthly credit which was in place prior to September 1, 2014. The Company also offers an additional \$10.00 monthly Life Support Assistance Credit Option to qualifying customers. Funding for these credits is provided through a surcharge collected under the terms of Electric Service Schedule No. 91. The surcharge was last revised through an increase in October 2011. The adjustment at that time was needed due to an increase in participation resulting from the downturned economy.

The Company continues to work with Utah Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff to promote the program and assist eligible customers to participate. However, since the October

2011 surcharge revision, program participation has declined from an average of 32,804 participants in 2011 to a projected average participation of 25,370 in 2015. HCD believes the participation rate declined as the economy improved. As a result of the decline in participation, even with the increase to the monthly credit, the current collections under the Schedule 91 surcharge exceed the credits dispersed and a decrease to the surcharge is therefore requested.

In compliance with Utah Code Ann. § 54-17-13.6, the proposed change brings the Schedule 91 surcharge rate to approximately 0.27 percent of revenues for rate schedules that are not at the \$50/month cap. For residential customers the surcharge is proposed to decrease by six cents per month, from \$0.26 to \$0.20.

Page 1 of Attachment A to this filing includes a summary of historical and projected Schedule 3 participating customers. Page 2 of Attachment A is a table that summarizes the proposed revisions by schedule to the Schedule 91 surcharge. The proposed surcharge amounts are estimated to collect \$3.866 million annually, which includes an estimated payment of \$30,000 to HCD to cover its actual costs incurred in qualifying households as income eligible. The proposed Schedule 91 surcharge represents a decrease of approximately \$820,000 from current rates. Column 4 illustrates the current monthly surcharge by schedule and column 6 shows the proposed monthly surcharge. The proposed surcharge rates were developed to recover annual Schedule 3 credits of approximately \$3.84 million, based on a projected 25,370 Schedule 3 participating customers.

The Company also requests that the Commission approve the attached Schedule 92, Low Income Residential Lifeline Program Surcharge Refund Credit. Proposed Schedule 92 provides a one-time credit on customers' February 2015 bills to reduce the current account balance by \$1.24 million leaving in the account an estimated three month reserve of approximately \$960,000. The proposed credit provides a refund of approximately 28 percent of the current annual Schedule 91 revenues for rate schedules that are not at the \$50/month cap. The one-time credit ranges from \$0.87 for residential customers to \$55.81 for customers on Schedule 91. Page 3 of Attachment A to this filing is a table that summarizes the calculation of the proposed one-time Schedule 92 credit. The Company finally requests that proposed Schedule 92 terminate once the one-time credits have been provided to customers.

In compliance with the Commission's October 30, 2014 order in Docket No. 14-035-116, the Company will credit \$10,619.88 to the Schedule 91 account. This amount is the avoided cost value of the net metering credits that expired in 2014.

It is respectfully requested that all formal correspondence and Staff requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

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Enclosures