

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Office of Consumer Services

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## To: The Public Service Commission of Utah

From: The Office of Consumer Services Michele Beck, Director Cheryl Murray, Utility Analyst

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Subject: Office of Consumer Services' Comments and Response to the Division of Public Utilities' July 9, 2015 RBA Audit Report. Docket No. 15-035-27, In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Revise Rates in Tariff Schedule 98, Renewable Energy Credits Balancing Account

## **Discussion**

On March 16, 2015, Rocky Mountain Power (Company) filed with the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) an Application to revise rates in tariff Schedule 98, Renewable Energy Credits Balancing Account (RBA). The Company requested an effective date of June 1, 2015.

At a hearing on May 20, 2015, both the Division of Public Utilities (Division) and the Office of Consumer Services (Office) recommended approval of the Company's application on an interim basis. Following the hearing the Commission issued a bench order approving the rate change on an interim basis. On May 26, 2015 the Commission issued an Order Confirming Bench Ruling.

In the interim the Office has reviewed additional information provided by the Company. The Office has also reviewed the Division's Audit Report on Rocky Mountain Power's RBA that was filed on July 9, 2015. The Office has found no errors, discrepancies or issues of concern in the documents reviewed.

## **Recommendation**

The Office recommends that the Commission approve the interim Schedule 98 rates and rate spread as final rates.



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