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Public Service Commission of Utah Heber M. Wells Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Attention: Gary Widerburg

**Commission Secretary** 

Re: Reply Comments

In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Semi-Annual Demand-Side

Management (DSM) Forecast Reports – Docket No. 15-035-48

On November 4, 2015, the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") issued a Notice of Filing and Comment period in the above referenced matter, allowing parties to file comments by December 2, 2015, and reply comments by December 11, 2015. The Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") filed comments on December 1, 2015, and the Utah Association of Energy Users ("UAE") filed comments on December 2, 2015. Rocky Mountain Power ("Company") provides these reply comments in response to UAE's comments, which request that the Commission open an investigation into various DSM and funding issues.

The current demand side management ("DSM") process involves substantial reporting, auditing, and collaboration with the Commission and DSM Steering Committee. Steering Committee members currently include representatives from UAE, DPU, the Office of Consumer Services, Utah Clean Energy, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, the Office of Energy Development, and Western Resource Advocates.

The Company meets with Steering Committee members at least quarterly to discuss, among other things, DSM strategy and to make decisions when warranted to address pending or anticipated disputes relating to DSM programs and issues. The DSM surcharge, program budgets, and forecasts are continually discussed with the DSM Steering Committee, and the actions that ensue as a result of these discussions are typically agreed to by the majority of Steering Committee members and ultimately result in positive outcomes and offerings for customers.

Accordingly, given the current DSM process already involving substantial reporting, auditing, and collaboration with the Commission and DSM Steering Committee, the Company believes that opening an investigation into the DSM issues UAE identifies in their comments is unwarranted.

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Sincerely,

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cc: Division of Public Utilities Office of Consumer Services Utah Association of Energy Users