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Mr. Jeffrey K. Larsen Vice President, Regulation and Government Affairs **Rocky Mountain Power** 201 South Main Street, Suite 2300 Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Re: Docket No. 15-035-57, "In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program (Schedule 107) 2015 Annual Report"

Dear Mr. Larsen:

On June 1, 2015, PacifiCorp, dba Rocky Mountain Power ("PacifiCorp"), filed its annual report ("Report") of the 2014 program-year results for the Solar Photovoltaic ("PV") Incentive Program ("Program") offered through Electric Service Schedule No. 107. The Report is filed for compliance with the Public Service Commission of Utah's ("Commission") October 1, 2012 Report and Order in Docket No. 11-035-104 ("October Order"), authorizing PacifiCorp to implement a solar incentive program.<sup>1</sup> The Report was also filed for compliance with the Commission's September 25, 2014 Order in this matter.

The Utah Division of Public Utilities ("Division"), the Utah Office of Consumer Services ("Office"), and Utah Clean Energy each filed comments. The Division concluded the Report is in compliance with the Commission's reporting requirements and recommended the Commission acknowledge the Report. The Office recommended acknowledgment but also included two suggestions for future reports, one suggesting modifications regarding surrendered deposits and the other suggesting language to address observed differences in the installed and rebated capacity amounts for some projects.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See In the Matter of the Investigation into Extending and Expanding the Solar Incentive Program and Possible Development of an Ongoing Program, Docket No. 11-035-104.

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Utah Clean Energy commented on the Program, rather than the Report, and suggested Program changes, including: allowing a longer time to complete projects for the small commercial participants and raising the cap size for small commercial projects; imposing additional mid-project reporting and deposit requirements on non-residential projects; imposing a condition where non-residential projects which fail to meet the mid-project reporting and deposit requirements will forfeit their capacity and deposits, with the capacity being returned to lottery for the following year; and conducting a final 2018 lottery for all unused capacity in the Program. In addition, Utah Clean Energy called for a meeting of interested parties to discuss how to make changes to the Program to provide a bigger benefit to low income customers.

The Division, the Office, and PacifiCorp filed reply comments opposed to the proposals of Utah Clean Energy. On July 16, 2015, PacifiCorp notified the Commission the parties planned to meet on August 4, 2015. On July 22, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Status Update and Scheduling Conference setting a conference for August 7, 2015 for the parties to report to the Commission. At the August 7, 2015 conference, parties noted the lack of a consensus regarding potential Program modifications.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission has reviewed PacifiCorp's Report and all of the parties' comments and reply comments and acknowledges the Report is in compliance with the Commission's reporting requirements. We further direct PacifiCorp to adopt the Office's suggestions for clarifying the annual report on a going forward basis.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg Commission Secretary DW#268724

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Commission notes that our order approving the Program and establishing the requirement for the annual report allows for PacifiCorp to include suggested changes as part of the annual report. We remind the parties that any non-company party may, of course, separately petition the Commission for agency action regarding the operation or design of the Program in a separate docket.