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Re: Docket No. 15-035-68, In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Notice of Renewable Resources in 2016

Dear Ms. Hogle:

The Commission acknowledges Rocky Mountain Power's ("Company") letter dated July 31, 2015 ("July 31 Letter"), in which the Company provides notice pursuant to Utah Code Ann. ("UCA") § 54-17-502(2)(e) "and/or" § 54-17-502(6)(b). The letter notifies the Commission that the Company reasonably anticipates it will acquire the following renewable resources during 2016: 1) a small solar project pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute 757.370, the Oregon Photovoltaic Capacity Standard, that will come into service during 2016; and 2) a solar project described in and pursuant to the Company's application in Docket No. 15-035-61, In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of its Subscriber Solar Program (Schedule 73). In its August 5, 2015 memorandum addressing this issue, the Division of Public Utilities states no action is necessary in response to the Company's July 31 Letter.

The Commission appreciates the Company's notice and recognizes that UCA §54-17-502(6) affords the Company the option to construct or acquire any renewable energy source project outside the solicitation process identified in UCA § 54-17-502. Since the Division's memorandum is silent on the requirements of UCA § 54-17-502 and the Company's July 31 Letter does not state whether its notification pursuant to UCA § 54-17-502(6)(b) refers to one or both projects (*i.e.*, the Company's notification is provided pursuant to UCA § 54-17-502(2)(e) **and/or** § 54-17-502(6)(b)), the Commission assumes that, as in previous years and because of the short time frame for the Company's acquisition of the solar resource addressed in Docket No. 15-035-61, the Company will be procuring these resources outside the solicitation process

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identified in UCA § 54-17-502. Therefore the Commission concludes it will not be necessary to hire a consultant to perform the duties described in UCA § 54-17-502(3)(a) for either of these projects.

As you are aware from our previous letters to you addressing similar matters, the most recent dated September 12, 2014, in Docket No. 14-035-89, Subsection (6) places on the Company the burden of proving, in an appropriate Commission proceeding, the prudence, reasonableness, and cost-effectiveness of construction.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary

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