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# **ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE**

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities Chris Parker, Director Artie Powell, Energy Section Manager Justin Christensen Utility Analyst

Date: August 14, 2015

Re: RMP Advice No. 15-13, Modify Rocky Mountain Power's Rule 6, Company's Installation, to Specify the Secondary Service Voltage Options Available to Customers.

Docket No. 15-035-T14

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) approve Rocky Mountain Power's (Company) proposed changes to Rule 6, Company's Installation.

#### ISSUE

On July 30, 2015, the Company filed proposed changes to Electric Service Regulation (ESR) NO. 6, with a requested effective date of September 1, 2015. On July 31, 2015, the Commission issued an Action Request for the Division to investigate the proposed changes to ESR NO. 6 and report its findings and recommendation to the Commission by August 17, 2015. Subsequently the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period giving interested parties until August 17, 2015 to provide comments with reply comments due August 24, 2015. The Division



provides these comments in response to the Commission's Action Request and consistent with the comment period date noted on the Notice of Filing and Comment Period.

#### DISCUSSION

On August 14, 2015, the Division, along with The Office held a Conference call with the Company. Every few years the Company reviews the Electric Service Regulation Manual. The State of Oregon wanted to add some language to the Manual. This action caused the change in language for ESR No. 6 in the state of Utah. In some of the older places in Oregon, Three-phase volts, 4 wire, grounded, is available on Secondary service voltage. This voltage is not available in Utah. Therefore the Company added language to ESR NO. 6 state of Utah that the Secondary service voltage is limited to:

Single-phase, 120 volts, 2-wire, grounded Single-phase, 120/240 volts, 3-wire, grounded Three-phase, 208Y/120 volts, 4-wire, grounded, wye Three-phase, 480Y/277 volts, 4-wire, grounded, wye

The Company has stated that the new language does not affect current customers. This only applies to new Commercial and Small Industrial customers, Schedules 6 and 23. The new language exists in the Idaho and Wyoming Tariffs. The Division believes that the proposed tariff sheet does not violate state law or Commission rule.

### CONCLUSION

The Division has reviewed the changes as proposed by the Company and recommends that the Commission approve Rocky Mountain Power's (Company) proposed changes to Rule 6, Company's Installation with the effective date of September 1, 2015.

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