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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: **Public Service Commission**

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Subject: Bridger Valley Electric Association Docket No. 17-022-T01

In the Matter of Bridger Valley Electric Association's Proposed
SCHEDULE LPI-LARGE POWER 2000KVA TO 2500 KVA Tariff

RECOMMENDATION

The Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) accept Bridger Valley Electric Association (BVEA)'s tariff addition of SCHEDULE LPI-LARGE POWER 2000 KVA TO 2500 KVA, and make it available for public inspection.

BACKGROUND

The board of BVEA approved this tariff on December 1, 2016 with an effective date of February 1, 2017. BVEA currently has no customers in Utah who qualify for the proposed tariff. BVEA filed notification of this change to its Tariff Schedules with the

Commission on December 20, 2016. On January 3, 2017 the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division to investigate this notification. This is the Division's response to that Action Request.

ISSUE

BVEA currently has no customers in Utah who qualify for the proposed tariff and consequently customer notification pursuant Utah Code 54-3-3 and 54-4-1.1 was not necessary. BVEA has filed for approval of this tariff concurrently with the Wyoming Public Service Commission where qualified customers may reside. The Commission was notified at least 30 days prior to the proposed effective rate change as required by Commission Rule (R 746-405-2-E.2) and Utah Code 54-3-3. The Division believes that BVEA has complied with Commission rule and Utah Code prior to implementing its new tariff.

DISCUSSION

The monthly charges listed in the new tariff are identical to the charges listed in the existing and approved SCHEDULE LP 2000-LARGE POWER OVER 2000 KVA that was approved by the Commission in July 2016. BVEA represented to its customers/members that this new tariff is necessary based on the current pricing structure of its electric wholesaler. The reason for this new tariff is to cover additional costs incurred by BVEA for customers requiring greater than 2500 KVA.

The Division has reviewed BVEA's filing and attached tariff sheet. The filed tariff schedule appears to implement the rates approved by BVEA's board.

CONCLUSION

The Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge BVEA's new tariff Schedule, with an effective date of February 1, 2017, and make it available for public inspection.

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