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Gary Widerburg, Commission Secretary Public Service Commission of Utah Heber M. Wells Building 160 East 300 South, Fourth Floor P. O. Box 45585 Salt Lake City, Utah 84145

Re: Out-of-state distribution electric cooperative exemption certification

Dear Mr. Widerburg:

Empire Electric Association ("EEA") is an out-of-state distribution electrical cooperative whose headquarters and principle place of business is in Cortez, Colorado. EEA serves consumers located in and around Monticello, Utah. EEA meets the exemption criteria set forth in Utah State Code 54-2-202, namely,

- 1. EEA has not been previously headquartered or maintained its principle place of business in Utah;
- 2. EEA serves fewer than 25,000 total customers; and
- 3. Less than 20% of EEA's total power sales occur in Utah.

Code 54-2-202 also calls for the out-of-state distribution electrical cooperative to provide and maintain on file with the Public Service Commission written documentation certifying that it is subject to the applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the state where its principle place of business is located. I certify that EEA is subject to the applicable laws, rules, and regulations of Colorado. Please accept this letter as written documentation and file as needed.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Respectfully,

Josh Dellinger General Manager

Empire Electric Association

cc: Division of Public Utilities

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