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Re: *Rocky Mountain Power's Customer Owned Generation and Net Metering Report and Attachment A for the Period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018; Docket No. 18-035-28*

Dear Ms. Saba:

The Public Service Commission of Utah ("PSC") reviewed the July 2, 2018 filing by PacifiCorp, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power ("PacifiCorp"), of its Customer Owned Generation and Net Metering Report for the Period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 ("Report"). The PSC also reviewed: the comments filed on August 1, 2018 by the the Division of Public Utilities ("DPU"), the Office of Consumer Services ("OCS"), and Utah Clean Energy ("UCE"); the reply comments filed August 16, 2018 by PacifiCorp, the DPU, the OCS, UCE, and the Utah Solar Energy Association ("USEA"); and the public comments filed in this docket.

The DPU provides a detailed review of the current reporting requirements set forth in Docket No. 08-035-T04 and Utah Administrative Code R746-312-16¹ ("Reporting Requirements") and recommends the PSC acknowledge the Report as complying with these requirements. The OCS also recommends the PSC acknowledge the Report as complying with the Reporting Requirements. The DPU and the OCS request minor reporting enhancements which PacifiCorp agrees to provide going forward. Further, the DPU and the OCS recommend that excess credits from Electric Service Schedule No. 136 ("Schedule 136") customers should be applied to offset Energy Balancing Account ("EBA") charges. PacifiCorp supports this recommendation and no party opposes it.

Regarding the treatment of expiring excess generation credits from customers taking service on Electric Service Schedule No. 135 ("Schedule 135"), currently valued at \$159,840, UCE recommends that rather than applying these credits to the Electric Service Schedule No. 91 Surcharge

¹ See *In the Matter of the Approval of Rocky Mountain Power's Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 47, Re: Schedule 135 – Net Metering Service*, Order Approving Tariff with Certain Conditions, Issued June 13, 2008, Docket No. 08-035-T04.

to Fund Low Income Residential Lifeline Program (“Schedule 91”) program, as currently approved by the PSC, it would be more beneficial to direct these credits to the Utah Weatherization Assistance Program (“WAP”) to fund additional weatherization services for low income customers. In addition, UCE recommends that a portion of these credits be used to fund a pilot program to install solar facilities for low-income customers. USEA supports UCE’s proposal and commits to working with interested parties to develop a low-income solar program for approval by the PSC.

The DPU and the OCS generally support utilizing expired Schedule 135 credits to fund low-income weatherization programs. PacifiCorp, on the other hand, believes that this is not the best use of funds for a number of reasons relating to consistency with Electric Service Schedule No. 118, Low Income Weatherization, and its current participation in and funding for the WAP. PacifiCorp proposes that excess Schedule 135 credits be applied to the “Lend-a-Hand” program administered by the Salvation Army to provide assistance on the electric bills of at-risk individuals and households to ensure their service is not disconnected. In addition, PacifiCorp, the DPU, and the OCS express concerns about applying expired Schedule 135 credits to fund UCE’s proposed pilot low-income solar facility program at this time.

The PSC appreciates parties’ efforts to identify alternative uses for expired Schedule 135 credits that would provide benefit to low-income utility customers. Given parties’ concerns regarding funding programs not related to reducing electric usage, the PSC declines to modify the current treatment of expiring credits from Schedule 135 customers at this time. The PSC supports parties’ efforts to monitor the balance of the Schedule 135 credits and to provide other proposals in the future if the balance continues to increase.

Based on the PSC’s review of PacifiCorp’s filings, the recommendations of the DPU and the OCS, and there being no objection to acknowledgement, the PSC acknowledges the Report as meeting the Reporting Requirements. In addition, the PSC adopts the reporting enhancements agreed to by PacifiCorp and approves the DPU’s and the OCS’s recommendation to apply any excess generation credits from Schedule 136 customers to the EBA.

Sincerely,

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