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Mr. Josh Dellinger, General Manager
Empire Electric Association, Inc.
P.O. Box K
Cortez, CO 81321

Re: *Empire Electric Association, Inc.'s Wildland Fire Protection Plan*; Docket No. 20-025-01

Dear Mr. Dellinger:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Empire Electric Association's ("Empire") Revision 1 2021 Update of its Wildland Fire Protection Plan ("2021 Plan") filed on April 28, 2021. The PSC also reviewed the May 25, 2021 action request response filed by the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) addressing Empire's 2021 Plan.

DPU recommends the PSC acknowledge Empire's 2021 Plan as complying with Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203. According to DPU, Empire's updates do not alter the substance of Empire's initial Wildland Fire Protection Plan (WFPP)¹ and rather provide clarifying language. Based on that determination and its review of the 2021 Plan, DPU comments that the 2021 Plan complies with the Act's requirements related to electric cooperatives.

Based on the PSC's review of Empire's 2021 Plan and DPU's comments and recommendation, the PSC acknowledges Empire's 2021 Plan complies with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203. Accordingly, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(5), the Plan is available for public inspection at the PSC.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
DW#318844

¹ Empire's initial WFPP was filed on May 11, 2020 pursuant to the requirements of Utah Code Title 54, Chapter 24, Wildland Fire Planning and Cost Recovery Act ("Act").