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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: December 5, 2022

Re: **Docket No. 22-028-T02**, Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc.'s proposed Tariff Revision.

Recommendation (Approve)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) approve Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc.'s (Garkane) proposed Electric Service Tariff Schedule (Tariff). The requested effective date for this filing is December 9, 2022.

Issue

Garkane filed revised tariff pages for Schedule SC Service charges & Plant Investment Fees for its Utah tariffs. Garkane is requesting Commission acknowledgement of the revised tariff with an effective date of December 9, 2022.

Background

On November 9, 2022, Garkane sent an email to the Commission informing it of certain tariff changes recently approved by its board. The Commission issued an Action Request on November 10, 2022, requesting the Division investigate the proposed tariff changes and

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report its findings and recommendation to the Commission by November 23, 2022. This memorandum represents the Division’s response to the Commission’s Action Request.

Garkane Energy filed revised tariff pages for schedule SC Service charges & Plant Investment Fees for its Utah tariffs. In compliance with Utah Admin. Code 54-7-12(7), weekly notices were published in the October editions of local newspapers throughout Garkane’s service territory.

Garkane held a public hearing on October 31, 2022, soliciting member’s comments on the proposed addition. No comments were proffered, and Garkane’s Board of Directors approved the proposed schedule during the public hearing. Garkane filed notification of the tariff changes with the Commission on November 9, 2022, with a requested effective date of December 9, 2022.

Utah Admin. Code § 54-3-3 requires utilities to provide at least 30 days’ notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of changes to the utility’s “...rate, fare, toll, rental, charge or classification...”. As noted above, Garkane filed the tariff with the Commission on November 9, 2022, requesting a tariff effective date of December 9, 2022.

The Division notes Garkane complied with timely notification of its members and held a public hearing. Utah Admin. Code § 746-405-2(D)(6) requires utilities to provide both clean and marked-up versions of tariff sheets identifying the tariff sheet changes and Garkane has provided the redline copy of the tariffs.

The Division has summarized the tariff changes applicable to Utah customers as follows:

Schedule SC : Plant Investment Fee & Service Charges.

Service Description	Fee
Pre-Application Report Fee (50 kW and less)	Included with Interconnection Application Fee
Pre-Application Report Fee (Greater than 50 kW)	\$ 350.00

Level 1 Superfast Track Application Determination Fee	\$ 150.00
Level 2 Fast Track 50 kW & Less Application Determination	\$ 250.00
Level 2 Fast Track Greater than 50 kW Application Determination	Fee = \$250 + [\$1 x (System kW - 50 kW)]
Level 2 Less than 50 kW System Commissioning	\$ 400.00
Level 2, 50 kW and Greater System Commissioning	Actual Garkane staff labor hours invoiced at current labor rates. An itemized invoice to be provided at completion of commissioning, payment required withing 30 days of invoicing.
Service Description	Fee
Level 2, 50 kW and Greater System Commissioning	Actual Garkane staff labor hours invoiced at current labor rates. An itemized invoice to be provided at completion of commissioning, payment required withing 30 days of invoicing.
Level 3 Study Track Application Review	\$ 2,200.00 + [\$1 x (System kW - 2000 kW)]
Level 3 System Commissioning	Actual Garkane staff labor hours invoiced at current labor rates. An itemized invoice to be provided at completion of commissioning, payment required withing 30 days of invoicing.
Preparation of Scoping Meeting Project Scope Good Faith Cost Estimate	Actual Garkane staff labor hours invoiced at current labor rates. An itemized invoice to be provided at completion of commissioning, payment required withing 30 days of invoicing.
Feasibility Study Deposit	Determined Based on Facility Type/Scope, Third-Party Engineering Firm Study Proposal & Estimated Garkane Staff Study Labor Hours
Feasibility Study Fee	Actual Garkane cost for a Third-Party Engineering study and internal staff labor hours at current rates. An itemized invoice to be provided at completion of study. Payment required prior to Garkane providing Study Results.
System Impact Study Deposit	Determined Based on Facility Type/Scope, Third-Party Engineering Firm Study Proposal & Estimated Garkane Staff Study Labor Hours
System Impact Study Fee	Actual Garkane cost for a Third-Party Engineering study and internal staff labor hours at current rates. An itemized invoice to be provided at completion of study. Payment required prior to Garkane providing Study Results.
Facilities Study Deposit	Determined Based on Facility Type/Scope, Third-Party Engineering Firm Study Proposal & Estimated Garkane Staff Study Labor Hours

Facilities Study Fee	Actual Garkane cost for a Third-Party Engineering study and internal staff labor hours at current rates. An itemized invoice to be provided at completion of study. Payment required prior to Garkane providing Study Results.
Supplemental Review Deposit	Determined Based on Facility Type/Scope, Third-Party Engineering Firm Study Proposal & Estimated Garkane Staff Study Labor Hours
Supplemental Review Fee	Actual Garkane cost for a Third-Party Engineering study and internal staff labor hours at current rates. An itemized invoice to be provided at completion of study
Joint Use	Fee
Application Processing Fee	\$200.00 per application or \$35.00 per attachment whichever is greater.
Pole Attachment License Fee	\$15.00 per Attachment per year.
Safety Violation Fee	\$500.00 per safety violation.
Unauthorized Attachment Fee	\$1,000 per Unauthorized Attachment
Amount of the Security Instrument	\$10,000. No deposit will be required as long as the total number of attachments is less than 50 and all fees and costs due under this agreement are promptly paid. At such time as the total number of attachments equals or exceeds 50 or payments are not made on time, a deposit may be required.

Conclusion

The Division recommends the Commission approve Garkane’s tariff revision with an effective date of December 9, 2022 and make it available for public inspection.

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