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Public Service Commission of Utah Heber M. Wells Building, 4th Floor 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Attention: Julie P. Orchard

Commission Secretary

Re: Docket No. 08-999-05 - Smart Grid Monitoring Report

On December 17, 2009, the Commission issued an order in the above referenced docket ruling on the adoption of certain standards introduced in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 ("EISA"). Through their order, the Commission elected to adopt the smart grid information standard (Standard No. 17) while electing to not adopt the smart grid investment standard (Standard No. 16) introduced in EISA. Also through this order, the Commission directed Rocky Mountain Power (the "Company") to monitor the development of smart grid technologies and to consider their implementation as technologies mature and cost-benefit analyses indicate positive benefits to the Company and its customers. As part of this effort, the Commission directed Rocky Mountain Power to jointly develop with the Division of Public Utilities (the "Division") and other interested parties the content of a smart grid monitoring report ("Smart Grid Monitoring Report" or "Report"), through which the Company would report on its ongoing assessment of smart grid technologies.

Rocky Mountain Power participated in a Commission sponsored technical conference on March 30, 2010, with interested parties to discuss the content of the Smart Grid Monitoring Report. At this meeting, the Company presented parties with a proposed high-level outline for the Report and also informed parties that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WUTC") had recently adopted a rule concerning smart grid reporting. The Company stated it would be developing a report based on the WUTC rule and offered to share the Washington smart grid report with interested parties upon its completion. In late 2010, the Company provided a copy of the Washington smart grid report to the Division, which in early 2011 indicated to the Company that the report satisfied its intent for the format and content of a Utah smart grid report. Since receiving comments from the Division concerning the Washington smart grid report earlier this year, Rocky Mountain Power has developed the attached Utah smart grid report, which has been revised to reflect the Company's current assessment of smart grid technologies.

A regular filing schedule for this report was not discussed at length with the Division or other interested parties. Rocky Mountain Power recommends that a report addressing the smart grid assessment activities of the Company be filed on an annual basis with the Commission; the Company proposes this report be filed in July of each year as this generally corresponds with

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smart grid reporting requirements of the Company in other jurisdictions. Reports subsequent to the attached would address the Company's smart grid monitoring and assessment activities of the preceding year.

Attachment A to the Utah smart grid report contains cost information that is commercially sensitive to Rocky Mountain Power. Accordingly, Rocky Mountain Power is filing Attachment A under seal pursuant to R746-100-16, and requests that the Commission require any party who wishes to view Attachment A execute a Confidential Information Certificate. For the Commission's convenience, the Company has provided as Attachment B a draft Confidential Information Certificate with this filing.

It is respectfully requested that all formal correspondence and staff requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures