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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

TO: Public Service Commission

FROM: Division of Public Utilities
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DATE: May 16, 2011

RE: Docket No. 00-035-T01. 2010 Annual Report of the Blue Sky Program

RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledgement)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) acknowledge the Annual Report of the Blue Sky Program of Rocky Mountain Power (Company), as it meets the Commission's reporting requirements ordered for this program.

ISSUE

Pursuant to Commission Orders in Docket Nos. 00-035-T01 and 07-035-T13, on March 31, 2010, the Company filed with the Commission its Annual Report of the Blue Sky Program covering the Calendar Year 2010. On April 5, 2010, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting a response by May 16, 2011. This Memorandum is the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

DISCUSSION

The Order in Docket No. 00-035-T01, dated April 17, 2000, directed the Company to provide an annual report of the Blue Sky program. Specifically, this order required the annual report to “account for all revenues received, blocks purchased, blocks generated or contracted for and other program costs.” In a subsequent order under Docket No. 00-035-T01, dated March 21, 2008, the Commission approved a number of recommendations made by the Division in its Memorandum of January 24, 2008.

Further, in its Order in Docket No. 07-035-T13, dated September 6, 2007, the Commission stated:

[W]e direct the Company to work with the Division, the Committee and other interested parties in the development of the annual report to address their concerns including the contents, timing, distribution, notification and other aspects of this report. The exception is the annual report must include the ratemaking treatment of the funds received, cost of purchases including RECs, and interest earned on the balance of funds.

Finally, in its Order in Docket No. 00-035-T01, dated April 29, 2010, the Commission directed the Company to include in subsequent annual reports the REC Position Reconciliation report and the Community Project Funding Reconciliation report.

The Division reviewed the content and the format of the 2010 Annual Report of the Blue Sky Program in light of the above Commission Orders. The report contained a spreadsheet with eight tabs. In these tabs the Company provided the required Utah specific and total Company information: Renewable Energy Certificates (REC) purchases; program available funds; funding award application history; project standards and evaluation criteria; REC Position Reconciliation report; and the Community Project Funding Reconciliation report. After reviewing the information contained in the spreadsheet, the Division concluded that the report is in compliance with the Commission Orders and adhered to the Commission’s reporting requirements. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company Blue Sky Annual Report for the calendar year 2010.

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