

July 30, 2008

Julie Orchard  
Public Service Commission  
Heber Wells Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Subject: Proposed Schedule in Docket No. 08-035-38

Dear Julie:

Salt Lake Community Action Program wishes to express its concern about two interrelated issues in the proposed schedule submitted by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) to the Commission yesterday.

The issues are related to the timing of filing Cost of Service and Rate Design issues and whether the case should be bifurcated into two portions - one on Revenue Requirement and one on Cost of Service / Rate Design issues. While it has been customary in many rate cases to have staggered dates for filing testimony for different phases of the case, in my experience, it has only been in the last two general rate cases that the timing of the latter issues has fallen outside the 240 day time limit of the case.

While we understand and are sympathetic to concerns raised in regard to bifurcating the case and resolving all the issues in a timely manner, we are also concerned that the proposed date for filing testimony in this case, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the same for all issues. The concern we are raising is not that testimony on both issues are due on the same date. Rather the problem is that because it is unlikely that there will be a decision from the Commission on Cost of Service / Rate Design issues in Docket No. 07-035-97 prior to late October or early November, it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to adequately assess the effect of a Commission Order and write testimony based on that decision in the short time that will remain prior to the filing date.

We appreciate your taking these concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,

Betsy Wolf  
Utility Ratepayer Advocate  
Salt Lake Community Action Program