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

Attention: Gary Widerburg

Commission Administrator

**RE: Docket No. 09-035-15** 

Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of its Proposed Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism Reply Comments Regarding EBA Interim Rates

On December 10, 2021, Rocky Mountain Power ("Company") filed an Application to Establish an Interim Rate Process in the Energy Balancing Account ("Application"). In accordance with the Amended Notice of Filing and Comment Period issued by the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") on January 19, 2022, in the above referenced docket, the Company respectfully submits these reply comments regarding an Interim Rate Process in the Energy Balancing Account ("EBA").

The Application requested approval to implement an interim rate process by modifying Electric Service Schedule No. 94 – Energy Balancing Account ("Schedule 94") effective March 1, 2022 and included a modified Schedule 94 containing the proposed timelines. On January 19, 2022, the Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") filed comments recommending that the Commission approve the Company's request to establish an interim rate process in the EBA. No other party filed comments. The DPU also noted that in the 2021 Utah legislative session, additional modifications were made to Utah Code 54-7-13.5 requiring the Commission to issue a final order within 300 days after the Company submits a complete EBA filing. The DPU concluded that the Company's proposed schedule included with the Application does not fit within the necessary 300 day statutory period.

As stated by the DPU, the Company is in discussions with parties to revise the timelines in Schedule 94 to implement a new schedule that includes an interim rate process as well as accommodates the new time limitations. Once an agreement has been reached, the Company anticipates submitting a new tariff filing. The Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve the implementation of an interim rate process in the EBA.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of its Proposed Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism, Docket No. 09-035-15, Order issued November 14, 2019, p. 10.

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Sincerely,

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