

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Natural Gas Price Risk Management Policies and Procedures of Rocky Mountain Power	Docket No. 09-035-21 Preliminary Scheduling Order
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ISSUED: May , 2009

By the Commission:

On April 9, 2009, Rocky Mountain Power requested that the Commission open a docket, schedule technical conferences for interested parties, and pursuant to Utah Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 26, issue a protective order “to allow interested parties to pursue discovery and review the Company’s policies and procedures and other aspects of natural gas price risk management, prior to the filing of the Company’s next general rate case.” Rocky Mountain makes this request to comply with paragraph 12 b. to the Stipulation Regarding Revenue Requirement in Docket No. 08-035-38, which was approved in the Commission’s April 21, 2009 Report and Order.

The Commission is opening this docket as requested for the limited purposes stated in the Stipulation, and is issuing a protective order under Utah Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 26 to allow discovery pertaining to “hedging strategies” that the parties represent will be confidential. This docket is not opened under Utah Code 54-4-1.5 or 54-4-2. Proceedings within this docket are not intended to provide information, documents or records to the Commission, conduct audits, inspections or enforce commission decisions or state law, nor make recommendations regarding public utility

regulations, policies or procedures. Proceedings within this docket are not investigative and do not contemplate or require a hearing, notice to the public, findings or any order.

The parties have represented that proceedings within this docket do not request agency action under the Commission's statutes and rules, or the Utah Administrative Procedures Act. It is the Commission's intent that proceedings within this docket shall not affect public utility rates or regulation. The parties have represented that any requests for agency action, proposals and evidence pertaining to the Company's policies and procedures and other aspects of natural gas price risk management shall be offered in a general rate case or other appropriate docket filed in accordance with Utah Public Utility statutes and Commission rules.

Pursuant to the discussion and agreement made at the Scheduling Conference held April 30, 2009, the Commission issues this Scheduling Order to govern the proceedings within this docket:

May 18, 2009 Technical Conference will be held to hear Rocky Mountain Power presentation regarding its natural gas price risk management policy, beginning at 1:30 p.m., in Room _____, Fourth Floor, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

June 3, 2009 Technical Conference will be held to hear presentation by NRRI representative regarding different types of hedging mechanisms on and advantages and disadvantages of natural gas pricing policies used by utility companies across the

country, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Room _____,
Fourth Floor, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East
300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

While there are no other meetings scheduled in this docket, this does not preclude the interested parties from scheduling meetings after June 3, 2009. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during any hearing should notify Julie Orchard, Commission Secretary, at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 (801) 530-6716, at least three working days prior to the hearing.

The parties agree to make good faith efforts to respond to data or discovery requests within ten business days after receipt, but in recognition of the informal nature of these proceedings, parties should be granted more time if the request seeks a response that requires information that cannot be gathered and/or processed within a ten business day period. Service and exchange of documents and information between docket participants will be done through electronic means. Participants desiring receipt of paper copies of material, in lieu of electronic versions, must make a specific request for such production and delivery.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah this ____ day of May 2009.

Commission Secretary