

09-035-23/Rocky Mountain Power
August 12, 2009
DPU Data Request 6.5

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Budgeting Are approved capital and O&M budgets ever changed from their original approval during the course of the company's fiscal year? If so, then please provide a list of those changes for those budgets, capital and O&M, for 2007, 2008 and YTD 2009. Include the related correspondence to management requesting approval of the change as well as management's approval.

Response to DPU Data Request 6.5

The board-approved capital and O&M budgets are fixed annually and not changed until the next annual budget cycle.

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September 10, 2009
DPU Data Request 20.3

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Response to DPU Data Request 20.3

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09-035-23/Rocky Mountain Power
September 16, 2009
DPU Data Request 29.8

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Rate Base: New Assets: Please refer to the Company's response to DPU 6.6.
In the Company's response, the following was stated:

“During the preparation of the capital budget, business units do consider various alternatives for efficient and least cost capital spending. As a result of this process, one option is identified and approved as the capital budget for the year. Records are not kept of the alternatives considered”

Please confirm that Company does maintain information/documentation related to alternatives for capital spending as part of the Company's business case and budget process justification. If this is not what the Company intended, please provide any presentations, reports, analyses or studies done for and/or presented RMP's or PacifiCorp or MidAmerican Holdings concerning RMP's capital budget for 2008 through 2010?

Response to DPU Data Request 29.8

The Company does not maintain information/documentation related to alternatives considered for capital spending as part of the Company's business case and budget process justification.

09-035-23/Rocky Mountain Power
July 20, 2009
OCS Data Request 5.7

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OMAG Expenses: Other – Company Plane.

- a. Please explain, in detail, why no costs are being removed in this case associated with use of the Company plane.
- b. Provide an itemization of all costs included in the test year associated with the use of the Company owned plane. This should include a listing of all business trips, purpose of the trip, person(s) on the trip, cost of the trip and account charged. It should also include any general costs associated with the Company owned plane such as storage costs, maintenance costs, stand-by costs, etc. The amounts should be provided on a total Company and Utah jurisdictional basis.

Provide all costs included in the Business Unit Target for the twelve months ended June 2010 for the Company owned plane

Response to OCS Data Request 5.7

- a. No additional costs of the Company plane were removed from this case because the flights that were considered below the line were booked to a below the line account and were not included in the base data.
- b. Please refer to Attachment OCS 5.7b for a listing of business trips and associated costs of the Company plane. General costs associated with the Company owned plane are included in the cost per flight from January to August 2008. These costs from September to December 2008 are assigned directly to the Business units. Costs are shown on a total Company and Utah jurisdictional basis.
- c. The Business Unit Target for the twelve months ended June 2010 does not contain specific costs associated with the company owned plane. The business plan is not maintained at that level of detail.

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August 31, 2009
OCS Data Request 18.5

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OMAG Expenses: Generation Please refer to Attachment DPU 5.1-1. Since the budgeted total non-overhaul generation O&M expense for the test year ending June 2010 of \$335,292,000 are approximately \$8 million less than the actual 2008 base year non-overhaul generation O&M expenses of \$343,299,000, please explain, in detail, why the Company made its incremental generation O&M expense adjustment on page 4.6 of Exhibit RMP__ (SRM-2) which increases the base year level by \$20.0 million.

Response to OCS Data Request 18.5

The Company made the Incremental Generation O&M adjustment in the filing to demonstrate the real impact on O&M expense resulting from the addition of new generating facilities. However, the Company also made a subsequent adjustment to the total non power cost O&M expense included in the test year in the case, reducing O&M to the budgeted level referenced above and demonstrating the Company's efforts to control these types of costs even while adding resources to the system. Adjustment 4.19 (Adjust O&M to 2009/2010 Target) reduces the non-power cost O&M expense amount in the case to the Business Unit Target for the 12 Months Ending June 2010.