

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Pending Application of)
Rocky Mountain Power for a Certificate of) DOCKET NO. 09-035-54
Public Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing Construction of the Mona –) SCHEDULING ORDER
Oquirrh 500/345 kV Transmission Line)

ISSUED: January 12, 2010

By The Commission:

On November 23, 2009, Rocky Mountain Power filed its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a proposed transmission line from its Mona substation to its Oquirrh substation, along with prefiled testimony supporting its Application.

The Commission desires to clarify the purpose of this proceeding. This proceeding is not about the location or siting of the Transmission Line, if it is built. The Commission does not have jurisdiction over the siting of transmission lines. This proceeding is to determine if present or future public convenience and necessity does or will require construction of a transmission line. We trust and expect that Rocky Mountain Power will work in good faith with interested parties in seeking the most appropriate siting for transmission lines.

On December 29, 2009, the Commission issued an order establishing a Scheduling Conference for January 11, 2010. The Scheduling Conference was duly held on January 11, 2010 in Room 401 of the Heber M. Wells State Office Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, and was conducted by Julie Orchard, Commission Secretary. Representatives of Rocky Mountain Power, the Division of Public Utilities, and the Office of Consumer Services, were in attendance.

Based on the discussion of the parties and based on the Commission's review of its statutory authority, the Commission hereby issues the following

ORDER

1. The issues in this proceeding shall be limited to the issue of whether the present or future public convenience and necessity does or will require the construction of the transmission line. **This proceeding shall not address the following issues: the siting of the transmission line, the question of requirements of Utah local government entities related to siting and cost issues that should be addressed by the Electric Facilities Review Board, or prudency issues for ratemaking purposes.**

2. Unless later modified by the Commission, the following dates shall govern the schedule in this docket:

a. Parties wishing to file direct testimony in response to the prefiled direct testimony filed by witnesses for Rocky Mountain Power shall file such testimony on **March 30, 2010.**

b. Parties shall file rebuttal testimony on **May 5, 2010** in response to the direct testimony filed by witnesses on March 30, 2010 under subparagraph a. above.

c. Parties shall file surrebuttal testimony on **May 18, 2010** in response to the prefiled rebuttal testimony filed on May 5, 2010 under subparagraph c. above.

d. Hearings shall commence at **9:00 a.m.** in **Hearing Room 403**, Fourth Floor, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah on **Monday, May 24, 2010.** If not concluded that day, the hearings shall also be held on **May 25, 2010.**

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e. Public witnesses shall be allowed to present their positions on the issues in this docket on **Monday, May 24, 2010** commencing at **5:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 403**, Fourth Floor, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

3. Commencing immediately, parties shall respond to data requests within 15 calendar days. Commencing May 5, 2010, parties shall respond to data requests within 7 calendar days.

Individuals wishing to participate in the hearing by telephone should contact the Commission at least two days prior to make arrangements. On the day of the hearing, participants must call (801) 530-6716 or call toll-free 1-866-PSC-UTAH (1-866-772-8824) at least five minutes prior to the start time to ensure participation.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communication aids and services) should notify Commission at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530-6716, at least three working days prior to the hearing.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah this 12th day of January, 2010.

/s/ Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary
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