

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Approval of Rocky Mountain Power's Advice No. 09-08 Schedule 193 - Demand Side Management (DSM) Cost Adjustment.)	<u>DOCKET NO. 09-035-T08</u>
)	<u>NOTICE OF INQUIRY AREAS</u>
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ISSUED: August 31, 2009

By The Commission:

By Scheduling Order issued July 28, 2009, we bifurcated this docket into two phases. Phase I has been resolved through our approval of a stipulation on August 25, 2009. In the Scheduling Order, we requested parties to provide comments on the scope of inquiry or topics to be addressed in Phase II. Numerous parties have submitted their comments. A number of the parties have requested the Commission to identify areas which the Commission wishes to pursue in Phase II, so that the parties are better prepared to set a schedule at the upcoming Scheduling Conference to be held September 9, 2009.

While the parties have submitted their August 18, 2009, comments, the scope of Phase II of this docket is also informed by the 2003 Stipulation filed in Docket No. 02-035-T12 and our October 3, 2003, Report and Order Confirming Bench Decision which approved the 2003 Stipulation and established demand side management (DSM) Schedules Nos. 193 (originally numbered 191) and 192. In addition to annual evaluations of individual DSM programs, the 2003 Stipulation provided that Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) "shall review, with the Division [of Public Utilities], Committee [renamed the Office of Consumer Services], DSM Advisory Group and any other interested parties, the appropriateness of the continuation,

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elimination or modification of the schedules, and shall submit to the Commission a report and recommendation regarding the same.” (2003 Stipulation, page 2). Schedules 193 and 192 became effective April 1, 2004. No report or recommendations have been filed by RMP. Under the auspices of Phase II of this docket we will undertake the anticipated review which has not occurred.

We note a number of the areas of inquiry suggested by some parties in their August 13, 2009, comments have already been accomplished and we will not use this docket to address them, viz. the DSM Rate Design Working Group has submitted its May 11, 2009, report on Rate Designs that Promote Energy Efficiency and Conservation and we already have under consideration, in Docket No. 09-035-27, the April 27, 2009, Proposed Revisions to the Utah Demand Side Resource Program Performance Standards. We will use this docket, No. 09-035-T08, for the five year review of Account 193 and both Schedules 193 and 192 as previously directed. We anticipate that this review will not be done through formal adjudicative proceedings. We will undertake a number of technical conferences/meetings with interested parties as originally envisioned in the 2003 Stipulation. The review will include an examination of the pace by which future demand side management resources are to be acquired, whether these resources are comparable with those identified in RMP’s Integrated Resource Plan, and the appropriateness of an annual acquisition plan denominated in total dollars budgeted for DSM Account 193 expenses or DSM tariff rider collections, a planned kilowatt hours saved goal, measured kilowatt hour savings obtained from DSM programs undertaken, or some combination of these and other parameters by which one could determine the reasonableness of the direction

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and goals of RMP's overall DSM efforts. We will also review the structure and operation of the 193 Account and the 193 and 192 Schedules. This will include a review of the items and the reasonableness of expenses included in the account and schedules, how expenses are accounted for in the account and their recovery through the DSM tariff rider, and the reasonableness of the terms and conditions of Schedules 193 and 192 prospectively.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 31st day of August, 2009.

/s/ Ted Boyer, Chairman

/s/ Ric Campbell, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary
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