

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Rocky Mountain Power)
Proposed Standardized Interconnection and) DOCKET NO. 10-035-44
Net Metering Service Agreements and Net)
Metering Facilities)
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In the Matter of the Rocky Mountain Power) DOCKET NO. 10-035-45
Proposed Standardized Non-Net Metering)
Agreements) REPORT AND ORDER
)

ISSUED: April 21, 2011

SHORT TITLE

Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Electrical Interconnection Agreements

SYNOPSIS

The Commission approves Rocky Mountain Power's proposed electrical interconnection forms with minor modifications and directs the Company to file a complete finalized set of interconnection forms.

By The Commission:

On March 23, 2011, the Commission issued a Report and Order approving Rocky Mountain Power's proposed electrical interconnection forms with modifications ("March Report and Order") with an effective date of April 1, 2011. In the March Report and Order the Company was directed to revise and refile its standard interconnection forms within 10 days of the date of the Report and Order. Pursuant to the March Report and Order, on April 4, 2011, the Company filed a cover letter and the following five enclosures revised as directed:

1. Application for Electrical Interconnection, Generating Facility – Level 1, 2 or 3 Interconnection Review (For Generating Facilities with Electric Nameplate Capacities above 25 kW and no Larger than 20 MW) (“Generating Facility Application”);
2. Generating Facility Electrical Interconnection Agreement, Level 1, 2 or 3 Interconnection (“Generating Facility Interconnection Agreement”);
3. Interconnection and Net Metering Service Agreement for Net Metering Facility Level 1 Interconnection(“Level 1 Net Metering Interconnection Agreement”);
4. Interconnection and Net Metering Service Agreement for Net Metering Facility Level 2 Interconnection (“Level 2 Net Metering Interconnection Agreement”); and
5. Interconnection and Net Metering Service Agreement for Net Metering Facility Level 3 Interconnection(“Level 3 Net Metering Interconnection Agreement”). (Enclosures 3, 4, and 5 are collectively hereafter referred to as “Net Metering Interconnection Agreements”¹).

On April 7, 2011, the Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) filed a memorandum concluding the Company is in compliance with the Commission’s March Report and Order in these dockets. The Division reviewed the five enclosures and determined the Company has made the required modifications. The Division identified one sentence in the Instructions paragraph of the Generating Facility Application which it believes needs to be removed or corrected. In addition the Division recommended minor changes in formatting or appearance.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

We acknowledge the efforts and perseverance of the Company during the lengthy process of developing standard interconnection forms and agreements pursuant to Utah Administrative Code (“UAC”) R746-312. In addition, we concur with the Company and the

¹ For each of the Net Metering Interconnection Agreements, the application serves as an appendix thereto.

Division that the five enclosed forms have been modified to reflect the decisions contained in the March Report and Order.

The Company requests clarification regarding the directive in the March Report and Order to restore all references to Level 1 non-inverter-based generating facilities to the Generating Facility Application. The Company points out UAC R746-312-8(1)(a) expressly provides that Level 1 interconnection review requires a generating facility be inverter-based. In light of this provision, the Company indicates it assumed all non-inverter-based generating facilities less than 2 megawatts in size failing to meet applicable Level 1 review procedures could then qualify for Level 2 interconnection review, pursuant to UAC R746-312-9(1). Based upon the language contained in the UAC R746-312, we agree with the Company's analysis of this issue and approve its deletion of references to Level 1 in the Generating Facility Application as provided in the Company's October 21, 2010, filing. This clarification also addresses the Division's concern regarding the wording in the Instructions paragraph of the Generating Facility Application.

With respect to overall formatting and appearance of the interconnection documents, we note Article 1 of the Level 3 Net Metering Interconnection Agreement must be renumbered due to the deletion of Article 1.3. In addition, with the exception of the Division's comments pertaining to Articles 1.11.4 of the Levels 1 and 2 Net Metering Interconnection Agreements and Article 1.13.4 of the Level 3 Net Metering Interconnection Agreement, we agree with the Division's observations on formatting/appearance. We direct the Company to revise the forms to reflect these minor changes.

The intent of the March Report and Order's directive for the Company to revise and refile its standard interconnection forms was that the Company file a complete set of corrected interconnection forms – including those forms which only required formatting corrections, insertion of page numbers, and/or deletion of duplicate articles – not just the five forms addressed herein. We direct the Company, within 10 calendar days of receipt of this order, to file with the Commission a complete set of all nine interconnection forms corrected pursuant to the March Report and Order, this order and communication on formatting issues with Commission staff.

With the changes noted above, the Company's standard interconnection forms and agreements are hereby approved with an effective date of April 1, 2011.

ORDER

Wherefore, pursuant to our discussion, findings and conclusions made herein, we order:

1. The Company to revise and refile a complete finalized set of its Standard Interconnection forms with the modification noted herein within 10 calendar days of the date of this order.

Pursuant to Sections 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15 of the Utah Code, an aggrieved party may request agency review or rehearing of this Order by filing a written request with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of this Order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the Commission does not grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of the request, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the Commission's final

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agency action may be obtained by filing a petition for review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any petition for review must comply with the requirements of Sections 63G-4-401 and 63G-4-403 of the Utah Code and Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 21st day of April, 2011.

/s/ Ted Boyer, Chairman

/s/ Ric Campbell, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary

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