



GARY HERBERT.
Governor
GREG BELL
Lieutenant Governor

State of Utah
Department of Commerce
Division of Public Utilities

FRANCINE GIANI
Executive Director

THAD LEVAR
Deputy Director

CHRIS PARKER
Director, Division of Public Utilities

ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
Energy Section
Marlin H. Barrow, Technical Consultant
Artie Powell, Manager

Date: May 19, 2011

Subject: Docket No. 11-028-T01, Revised Residential and General Service Net Metering Rates

ISSUE:

On April 28, 2011, Garkane Energy Cooperative (Garkane) filed a tariff change with the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC) notifying the Commission of changes to the net metering rate schedules Rate Schedule #33 and Rate Schedule #34 both with an effective date of February 28, 2011. On April 28, 2011, the Commission issued an action request to the Division to investigate the changes. This is the Division's response to that request.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge Garkane's revised net meter Rate Schedules #33 and #34 and make them available for public inspections.

DISCUSSION:

The Division has reviewed the tariff sheets and notes that Rate Schedule #33 was last revised on July 28, 2009. In this filing, Rate Schedule #33 has been designated as Net Metering Service (Residential) and definitions for "net electricity" and "net metering" have been included in the

tariff as well as a monthly base rate or customer charge of \$25.00, a kWh rate for usage at \$0.070 and an energy credit rate for excess power provided back to Garkane of \$0.024/kWh, which is the same rate contained in the previous rate Schedule #33. A new rate schedule (Schedule #34) has been added for Net Metering Service (General Service). This schedule has the same monthly base rate as Schedule #33, a kWh usage rate of \$0.060 and a monthly Demand Charge for demand greater than 3kW of \$6.70. The energy credit rate for excess power is the same as Rate Schedule #33.

Garkane provided three bill comparisons showing the difference between the new filed rate schedules to the previous rate schedule. All three examples showed decreases to the customer's bills under the new rate schedules.

Garkane's Board of Directors approved these new schedules on February 28th, 2011.

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge Garkane's revised net metering schedules #33 and #34 and make them available for public inspection.

Cc: Carl Albrecht, Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc
Stan Chappell, Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc
Michele Beck, Office of Consumer Services
Cheryl Murray, Office of Consumer Services
Maria Martinez, DPU Customer Service