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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
Artie Powell, Energy Section Manager
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Date: August 10, 2011

Re: Docket No. 11-035-105, Rocky Mountain Power's Customer Owned Generation and Net Metering Report; Cross Reference Docket 08-035-T04; R746-312-16

RECOMMENDATION

The Division has reviewed the Company's Net Metering Report for the annualized billing period ending March 31, 2011, and finds that it meets the Commission's reporting requirements. The Division finds no outstanding issues at this time and recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company's report. No further action is necessary at this time.

ISSUE

On June 24, 2011, Rocky Mountain Power ("RMP" or "Company") filed with the Utah Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Net Metering Report for the annualized billing period ending March 31, 2011. The Commission issued an Action Request to the Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") on July 12, 2011, requesting an "Explanation and Statement of Issues to be Addressed." This memorandum constitutes the DPU's response to the Action Request.

DISCUSSION

In compliance with the Commission's reporting requirements, the Company filed its Net Metering Report on June 24, 2011, for calendar year 2010 including data for the annualized billing period ending March 31, 2011.

In its Order dated November 30, 2010 in Docket Nos. 10-035-58, 08-035-T04, and 08-035-78, the Commission ordered,

The reporting requirements contained in R746-312[-16] supercede and replace the Company's net metering reporting requirements in Docket Nos. 08-035-T04 and 08-035-78 with the following exceptions and clarifications:

- a) All net metering interconnections must be noted in the annual report filed pursuant to the Rule;
- b) The information required by R746-312-16(2)(a) is the same cumulative information as provided in Attachment A of the Company's 2010 Report with the addition of the zip code, year of installation, and notation if the interconnection is a net metered resource;
- c) The Company's annual report filed pursuant to the Rule should provide all of the data required by the Rule through the end of the annualized billing period of the year the report is being submitted unless otherwise approved; and
- d) The Company is required to report information on the amount of net metering installed capacity relative to its net metering cap and any [unforeseen] problems or barriers in the tariff in its annual report filed pursuant to the Rule.

The reporting requirements contained in R746-312-16, Public Utility Maps, Records and Reports, states,

- (1) Each public utility shall maintain current records of interconnection customer generating facilities showing size, location, generator type, and date of interconnection authorization.

- (2) By July 1 of each year, the public utility shall submit to the commission an annual report with the following summary information for the previous calendar year:
 - (a) the total number of generating facilities approved and their associated attributes including resource type, generating capacity, and zip code of generating facility location,
 - (b) the total rated generating capacity of generating facilities by resource type.
 - (c) for net metering interconnections, the total net excess generation kilowatt-hours received from interconnection customers by month.
 - (d) for net metering interconnections, the total amount of excess generation credits in kilowatt hours, and their associated dollar value, which have expired at the end of each annualized billing period.

The Division has reviewed the Company's report and finds that it complies with the Commission's reporting requirements for the Net Metering Program.

The Division notes that for calendar year 2010, there were 243 new net metering facilities, a 46% increase over calendar year 2009. Of these new installations, 227, or 93.4% (=227/243) were solar projects. The installed capacity increased by approximately 89% over 2009, of which 96% was from solar projects. As of March 31, 2011, the total enrolled capacity is approximately 2,800 kW, which is about 0.3% of the program cap of 923,000 kW. The Company reports no unforeseen problems or barriers at this time.

CONCLUSION

The Division believes the Company's Net Metering Report meets the Commission's reporting requirements and sees no issues that need addressing at this time. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company's Net Metering Report.

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