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Re: Docket No. 12-035-118, In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Courtesy Notice for Renewable Resource in 2013

Dear Ms. Hogle:

I write at the direction of the Commissioners to acknowledge Rocky Mountain Power's ("Company") letter dated December 18, 2012. The letter notifies the Commission that the Company reasonably anticipates it will acquire a small solar project which will come into service during 2013. The Division of Public Utilities, in its January 16, 2013, memorandum addressing this issue, concludes the Company will operate outside the solicitation process identified in Utah Code Ann. ("UCA") § 54-17-502 and it will not be necessary for the Commission to hire a consultant to perform the duties described in UCA § 54-17-502(3)(a).

The Commission appreciates the courtesy notice provided by the Company. The Commission agrees with the Division that the Company will be procuring this renewable resource outside of the solicitation process provided for in UCA §54-17-502(2). The Commission recognizes UCA § 54-17-502(6) affords the Company the option to construct or acquire any renewable energy source project outside the solicitation process. The Commission understands the Company is exercising its option to construct the solar project under Subsection (6).

As you are aware, Subsection (6) requires different notification than Subsection (2). Subsection (6) requires the Company to notify the Commission of the size and location of the renewable energy source within 60 days before the date of commencement of construction. In addition, Subsection (6) places on the Company the burden of proving, in an appropriate Commission proceeding, the prudence, reasonableness, and cost-effectiveness of construction.

The Commission looks forward to receiving the Company's Subsection (6) notification for this solar project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary
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