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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director

Artie Powell, Energy Section Manager

Date: March 23, 2012

Re: Docket No. 12-035-69 Creation of a DSM Steering Committee (Request for Agency Action)

RECOMMENDATION (NOTICE A SCHEDULING CONFERENCE)

As a party to the Request for Agency Action, the Division recommends that the Commission schedule as soon as practicable a scheduling conference in this docket to establish appropriate procedures and timelines for the Commission to consider the request to create a DSM Steering Committee.

ISSUE

On or about March 16, 2012, several parties submitted to the Commission a request for agency action (Request) creating a Steering Committee to consider DSM related issues for Rocky Mountain Power that involve sensitive, confidential, or proprietary information or requiring or leading to settlement discussions. In the Request, the parties ask that the Commission "schedule a technical conference and scheduling conference in this docket as soon as practicable to determine appropriate procedures and timelines for Commission consideration of this Request."

On March 19, 2012, the Commission sent an Action Request to the Division of Public Utilities (Division) asking that it provide an Explanation and Statement of issues to be addressed. This memorandum constitutes the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

DISCUSSION

On or about March 16, 2012, Rocky Mountain Power (Company), the Division of Public Utilities (Division), the Office of Consumer Services (Office), the Utah Association of Energy Users (UAE), Utah Clean Energy (UCE), Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP), and Western Resource Advocates (WRA) (collectively Parties) filed with the Public Service Commission (Commission) a Request for Agency Action (Request). Through the Request, the parties seek the creation of a DSM Steering Committee for the purpose of facilitating the review and discussion of information of a sensitive, confidential, or proprietary nature or discussions leading to settlement negotiations. The Parties represent that the DSM Advisory Group as now constituted would continue to meet and that the Steering Committee would report to the Advisory Group and the Commission on a regular basis.

Reasons for the Parties request are detailed in the Request. As part of the Request, the Parties ask "that the Commission schedule a technical conference and scheduling conference in this docket as soon as practicable to determine appropriate procedures and timelines for Commission consideration of this Request."

CONCLUSION

The Division believes that a scheduling conference establishing appropriate timelines and procedures would afford the best opportunity for all interested parties to voice concerns or issues with the Parties' Request. Therefore the Division recommends that the Commission notice a scheduling conference in the near future for this purpose.

CC Dave Taylor, Rocky Mountain Power
Michele Beck, Office of Consumer Services