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Jeffrey K. Larsen, Vice President Regulation
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Re: Docket No. 12-035-70, In the Matter of the Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Major Event Exclusion for the Weather-Related Events that Occurred on January 18 - 21, 2012

Dear Mr. Larsen:

On March 19, 2012, the Public Service Commission received your Major Event Report requesting major event exclusion for the weather-related events of January 18 through January 21, 2012, and indicating that upon approval, Rocky Mountain Power (Company) will exclude outage information for these events from its network performance reporting and from customer guarantee failure payments. In this report, Rocky Mountain Power indicated the storm consisted of two "waves," one on January 18th through 19th resulting in pole fires, and one on January 21st with snow-, wind- and tree-related outages and another round of pole fires. It was unclear in the filing whether the Company interpreted these two waves as one major event or two major events.

On April 19, 2012, the Utah Division of Public Utilities filed a memorandum detailing its investigation of the Company's request. The Division concluded each of the waves were major events, designated as Major Event 27 and Major Event 28, and should be excluded from network performance reporting. In addition, the Division's memo contained information from the Company clarifying that January 20th was a normal day, the minutes of which were not included in the event metrics for the two waves of the event.

By this letter, the Commission acknowledges receipt of your filing of March 19, 2012, as well as the Division's recommendation, and the two waves are, therefore, approved as separate major events on the basis of their daily SAIDI values and that the events were separated by a normal day. The Commission contemplates no further action in this docket.

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If you have further questions or comments, I can be reached by phone at (801) 530-6716 or email at gwiderburg@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
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