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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
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Date: August 16, 2012

Re: Docket No. 12-035-87 - Rocky Mountain Power's Customer Owned Generation and Net Metering Report; Cross Reference Docket 08-035-T04; R746-312-16. Division's Review and Recommendation – Acknowledgement.

RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledgement)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) has reviewed the Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP or Company) Net Metering Report for the annualized billing period ending March 31, 2012, and finds that it meets the Utah Public Service Commission's (Commission) 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 28, 2012, Rocky Mountain Power filed with the Commission its Net Metering Report for the annualized billing period ending March 31, 2012. The Commission issued an Action

Request to the Division on July 3, 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 28, 2012, for the period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

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 the reporting period, there were 394 new net metering facilities, a 46% increase over facilities as of March 31, 2011. Of these new installations, 377, or 95.7% (=377/394) were solar projects. The installed capacity increased by approximately 95.4% over the previous 12 months, of which 93.0% was from solar projects. As of March 31, 2012, the total enrolled capacity is approximately 5473 kW, which is about 0.6% 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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