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**Re: In the Matter of the Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Major Event Exclusion for the Weather-Related Events that Occurred on July 13, 2012 – Major Event 29
Docket No. 12-035-93**

Dear Mr. Larsen:

On August 30, 2012, the Public Service Commission received your Major Event Report requesting major event exclusion for the storm-related event of July 13, 2012, and indicating Rocky Mountain Power (Company) will exclude outage information for this event, if approved, from its network performance reporting and from customer guarantee failure payments. This major event included the effects of a pole fire on Ogden's Little Mountain #18 circuit.

On October 15, 2012, the Utah Division of Public Utilities filed a memorandum detailing its investigation of this event and recommending the Commission approve the application for major event exclusion with one exception. The Division recommends the minutes lost for the Little Mountain pole fire not be included as part of this major event; but rather they should be included in the calculation of SAIDI values for other service quality reviews and reports. In addition, the Division responded to the Commission's request to evaluate the reasonableness of the Company's replacing MAIFI statistics with CAIDI statistics in recent major event reports.

On October 24, 2012, the Company filed a letter responding to the Division's recommendation to exclude the minutes from the Little Mountain pole fire from the major event calculation. The Company maintains the Division's recommendation would violate the major event standard contained in IEEE 1366-2003 and explains IEEE 1366-2003 attempted to remove the subjectivity of excluding specific interruptions from the major event day calculation with objective criteria.

In response to the Division's recommendation pertaining to the Little Mountain pole fire, the Commission, while understanding that some of the effects of relying on IEEE 1366-2003 for major event determination were not previously contemplated, agrees with the Company's analysis of this matter. This does not preclude the Division or any other party from proposing changes to the method

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in which major events are determined. With respect to the substitution of MAIFI statistics with CAIDI statistics, the Commission is not opposed to this change as the underlying data used to calculate MAIFI continues to be presented in the report. Future changes of this type, however, should be addressed with the Service Quality Review group prior to implementation.

By this letter, the Commission acknowledges receipt of your filing of August 30, 2012, as well as the Division's recommendation, and it is, therefore, approved as a Major Event.

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
Commission Secretary

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