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## ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities  
Chris Parker, Director  
Artie Powell, Manager  
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Date: November 16, 2012

Re: **Docket No. 12-035-97**, Rocky Mountain Power's Errata Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing Construction of the Sigurd-Red Butte No. 2, 345 kV Transmission.

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### **RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledgement and no other action required)**

The Division has reviewed the Rocky Mountain Power's (Company) Errata Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) Authorizing Construction of the Sigurd-Red Butte No. 2, 345 kV Transmission Line (filed October 22, 2012). The Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company's Errata filing in Docket No. 12-035-97 as part of the record in this docket. Inasmuch as the Commission previously issued its Scheduling Order and Notice of Hearing in this docket on October 18, 2012, the Division will proceed according to the Commission's schedule and no other Commission action is required at this time.

### **ISSUE**

On September 17, 2012, the Company filed its Application for a CPCN to construct the Sigurd to Red Butte No. 2 Transmission Line (Project). The Division received an Action Request on

September 18, 2012 to review the filing and make recommendations to the Commission. As an initial response, the Division recommended that the Commission convene a scheduling conference for this docket. The Commission held a Scheduling Conference on October 5, 2012, and issued its Scheduling Order and Notice of Hearing on October 18, 2012. A hearing date for this docket is scheduled for December 21.

The Company filed its Errata Application in this docket on October 22, 2012, and the Division received an Action Request to review the filing on October 29, 2012. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Errata filing contained several grammatical changes and some sentence reconstructions that clarified the meaning of certain portions of the Application and accompanying testimony. The Division reviewed the filing and found that in Mr. Darrell T. Gerrard's Testimony, the descriptive titles to the NERC reliability standards were added to his testimony (pp. 9-10, lines 205-221). The Division, however, discovered a substantive change on page five of the Errata Application, where the total project cost was listed as approximately \$380 million. In the September 12, 2012 Application, the Company identified the total project cost as approximately \$397 million. In its review of discovery received to date, the Division determined that the earlier project cost of \$397 million was received prior to the Company receiving contractor bid information on certain aspects of the project, and a confidential attachment was provided with a breakdown of these costs explaining the \$17 million decrease in project costs (See DPU 1.4). Other changes in the Errata Application were clarifications and additions that more fully explained the Project.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Division has reviewed the changes contained in the Company's Errata filing as compared to its original CPCN Application filing and finds the changes are corrective and useful to the parties in understanding the project. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission

acknowledge the Company's Errata CPCN filing as submitted by the Company and include it as part of the record in this docket. No other action is required by the Commission. The Division further requests that this Action Request be closed.

CC:

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