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Utah Public Service Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

Docket No. 13-028-01

Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc. is preparing to construct a 30 mile 138 kV transmission line (initially to be operated at 69 kV) from Tropic, Utah to Hatch, Utah to better serve our member/owners living in the Garfield and Kane County areas. Capacity in the existing transmission line is becoming inadequate to serve the load growth that has taken place, particularly in the Cedar Mountain area. This is an area with many cabins and especially high occupancy during holidays – both winter and summer. Distribution upgrades have been taking place and after seven years we have finally received the necessary right-of-way from the US Forest Service, Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument, National Park Service, and BLM to construct this much needed transmission line.

Our interpretation of Utah Code 54-4-25 (2)(c) is that we can begin construction without obtaining Commission approval and the present public convenience and necessity will require the construction since the construction is in territory already served by Garkane and necessary in the ordinary course of our business to provide adequate electric service to our members.

Please advise if our interpretation is not correct or if we need to formally request declaratory approval of the project.

Respectfully,

GARKANE ENERGY COOPERTATIVE, INC.

Carl R. Albrecht
CEO