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## ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: July 29, 2013

Re: Docket No. 13-035-114 - Rocky Mountain Power's Customer Owned Generation and Net Metering Report: Crossed Reference Docket No. 08-035-T04; R746-312-16. Division's Review and Recommendation – Acknowledge.

## RECOMMENDATION (ACKNOWLEDGE)

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, 2013, 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.

## ISSUE

On June 28, 2013, the Company filed with the Commission its Net Metering Report for the annualized billing period ending March 31, 2013. On July 8, 2013 the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division to review and make recommendations. This memorandum is the Division's response to that request.

## **DISCUSSION**

In its Order dated November 30, 2010 in Docket Nos. 10-035-58, 08-035-T04, and 08-035-78, the Commission ordered,

The reporting requirements contained in R746-312[-16] replaces the Company's net metering reporting requirements in Docket Nos. 08-035-T04 and 08-035-78 with the following exceptions and clarifications:

- a) All net metering interconnections must be noted in the annual report filed pursuant to the Rule;
- b) The information required by R746-312-16(2)(a) is the same cumulative information as provided in Attachment A of the Company's 2010 Report with the addition of the zip code, year of installation, and notation if the interconnection is a net metered resource;
- c) The Company's annual report filed pursuant to the Rule should provide all of the data required by the Rule through the end of the annualized billing period of the year the report is being submitted unless otherwise approved; and
- d) The Company is required to report information on the amount of net metering installed capacity relative to its net metering cap and any [unforeseen] problems or barriers in the tariff in its annual report filed pursuant to the Rule.

The reporting requirements contained in R746-312-16, Public Utility Maps, Records and Reports, states,

- (1) Each public utility shall maintain current records of interconnection customer generating facilities showing size, location, generator type, and date of interconnection authorization.
- (2) By July 1 of each year, the public utility shall submit to the commission an annual report with the following summary information for the previous calendar year:
  - (a) the total number of generating facilities approved and their associated attributes

- including resource type, generating capacity, and zip code of generating facility location,
- (b) the total rated generating capacity of generating facilities by resource type.
  - (c) for net metering interconnections, the total net excess generation kilowatt-hours received from interconnection customers by month.
  - (d) for net metering interconnections, the total amount of excess generation credits in kilowatt hours, and their associated dollar value, which have expired at the end of each annualized billing period.

The Division notes that for the reporting period, there were 393 new net metering facilities, a 3% decrease over facilities as of March 31, 2012. Of these new installations, 389, or 99% were solar projects. The enrolled capacity increased 82% from the previous year reported enrolled capacity of 5,581 kW to 10,174 kW as of March 31, 2013. On the current Customer Generation Report the net metering capacity for solar as of March 31, 2012 is 6,909kW, on the previous year report the total net metering capacity for solar was 5,220kW. The majority of the variance is due to the solar project installed on the Salt Palace Convention Center; the project was connected on March 30, 2012 showing capacity of 1.41kW. The total 1.6MW was not connected until later in the year. The current enrolled capacity represents only 1.1% of the program cap of 923,000 kW. The Division notes that on the Customer Generation Report header it states it is for the period 2011 to 2012, while the data is for the correct period of April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013. The Company needs to correct and update the heading to show 2012 to 2013. 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 therefore, recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company's Net Metering Report.

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