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## ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities  
Chris Parker, Director  
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Date: April 16, 2013

Re: **Recommendation – Approval, Rocky Mountain Power Proposed tariff page change to Schedule 135, Net Metering Service, Advice No. 13-06**  
Docket 13-035-T07

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### RECOMMENDATION (APPROVAL)

The Division recommends that the Commission approve Rocky Mountain Power's (Company) proposed modification to Net Metering Service Schedule 135.

### ISSUE

On April 1, 2013 the Company filed a request to modify Schedule 135 Net Metering Service tariff. Schedule 135, Special Conditions 3, currently provides that all unused net metering credits expire in March of each year. The proposed modification would allow for Schedule 10 customers, Irrigation and Soil Drainage Pumping Service, a year end of October, the end of the irrigation season. The Company requests an effective date of May 1, 2013. On April 1, 2013 the Commission issued an Action Request for the Division to investigate the change. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

## **DISCUSSION**

Net Metering allows for unused credits to accumulate on an annual billing period basis. Currently, Utah Code<sup>1</sup> defines the annualized billing period as “a 12-month billing cycle beginning on April 1 of one year and ending on March 31 of the following year.” Any credits a customer does not use in a billing period will expire at the end of March<sup>2</sup>. Although this year-end may work well for most Net Metering customers, the irrigation customer’s typical year is just beginning when the credits expire. H.B. 284 signed into law by Governor Herbert on March 26, 2013 modified the definition of annualized billing period to allow “an additional 12-month billing cycle as defined by an electrical corporation’s net metering tariff or rate schedule.” The Company is proposing a modified 12-month billing cycle for Schedule 10 customers from November 1 of one year to October 31 of the following year.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that the Commission approve the modification to Schedule 135, Net Metering Service to allow for the year end change to October for Schedule 10, Irrigation and Soil Drainage customers.

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<sup>1</sup> Utah Code § 54-15-102(1)

<sup>2</sup> Utah Code § 54-15-104(3)(a)(ii)