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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission
From: Division of Public Utilities
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Date: November 12, 2013

Subject: Dixie Escalante Rural Electric Association (Dixie Power) revised tariff sheets.
Docket No. 13-066-T02

RECOMMENDATION: COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) acknowledge Dixie's revised tariff sheet with an effective date of October 2, 2013, and make them available for public inspection.

ISSUE:

In a letter to the Commission dated October 14, 2013, Dixie Escalante Rural Electric Association, aka Dixie Power filed revised copies of its Net Metering Tariff. On October 17, 2013 the Commission issued an action request to the Division to investigate the filing. This memo is the Division's response to the action request.

DISCUSSION:

The current filing is a revision of the Net Metering Tariff which will align the requirements for both Utah and Arizona customers. The change is beneficial to Utah customers and includes a reduction in the monthly customer charge from \$30.00 to \$2.38 and a provision to allow customers to "bank" energy from one month to the next instead of receiving payment.

Under the revised program, excess kWh generation during a billing period will be used to reduce the kWh supplied by Dixie in the following billing period. Credits will be applied only to the actual kWh usage in the following period and may not be used to offset demand or customer charges. The resulting credit will be used to offset future energy purchases within the annualized billing period which begins on April 1 and ends on March 31 of each year. At the conclusion of the annual billing period, Dixie will credit the net metering customer for excess customer generated energy at the rate of \$0.0162 per kWh.

In addition to the change in the net metering tariff, the Board approved a reduction in some of the fees charged to Utah customers. The changes include the elimination of a \$30 disconnection fee and exclude additional fees from the \$75 after-hours charge.

The Board of Directors for Dixie Power approved the change in the tariff on October 2, 2013 with an effective date for customers of October 2, 2013. Copies of minutes from Dixie's Board of Directors meeting have been provided and reviewed by the Division.

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge the revised tariff sheets and make them available for public inspection.

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