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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
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Date: August 29, 2014

Re: Docket No. 14-035-103, RMP Quarterly Report for the Low Income Lifeline Program for QRT Ended June 30, 2014. In the Matter of Low Income Lifeline Program Reports

RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) acknowledge Rocky Mountain Power's Low Income Lifeline Program (HELP) report for the quarter ending June 30, 2014 (Report) as compliant with the Commission Order in Docket No. 00-035-T07 dated August 30, 2000.

ISSUE

On July 30, 2014, Rocky Mountain Power (Company) filed its Low Income Lifeline Program (HELP) report, for the quarter ending June 30, 2014, with the Public Service Commission (Commission). On July 30, 2014, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division

requesting the Division to review the filing for compliance and to make recommendations and to report back to the Commission by August 29, 2014. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

DISCUSSION

A stipulation in Docket No. 00-035-T07, which was approved by the Commission in its August 30, 2000 Report and Order, established the accounting and reporting requirements of the Company. The required contents of the report are as follows:

1. The number of customers on Utah Tariff 1 and Lifeline Tariff 3.
2. The amount collected under the Lifeline tariff rider (HELP surcharge).
3. The amount credited to Lifeline tariff 3 customers' bills
4. The amount of any administrative charges from PacifiCorp
5. The amount of any administrative charges from DCED
6. The balance in the Lifeline Account at the end of the period
7. The balance in the Lifeline Account shall accrue interest.
8. For residential tariffs 1 and 3 , the monthly arrearage (an aging of accounts receivable)
9. For residential tariffs 1 and 3, the number of termination notices and actual terminations
10. For residential tariffs 1 and 3, the number and dollar amount of accounts turned over to collection agencies
11. For residential tariffs 1 and 3, the dollar amount of write-offs and recoveries

The Division reviewed the contents of the Company's quarterly report for the quarter ending June 31, 2014 filed with the Commission and determined that it complies with the Commission order in Docket No. 00-035-T07. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge it.

However, the Division notes that in its Report and Order in Docket Nos. 03-035-01 and 04-035-21, the Commission directed the Division "...to report annually to the Commission on its review, financial audit, cost-benefit analysis and recommendations regarding HELP. This annual report will inform the Commission, Division, and any other interested party about the trend of the measures and whether the program is meeting its intended goals. To do an analysis with the same level of rigor as the annual one would be burdensome and would not add to our understanding of the program. Hence, the Division requests the Commission not to require a quarterly report from the Division.

CC: Dave Taylor, RMP
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