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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF PACIFICORP'S NET METERING PROGRAM

Docket No. 14-035-114

OBJECTION TO ORDER AMENDING SCHEDULING ORDER, VACATING HEARING ON THE MERITS AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

The Utah Association of Energy Users ("UAE") hereby submits this objection to the Order Amending Scheduling Order, Vacating Hearing on the Merits and Notice of Hearing on Settlement Stipulation ("Order" or "Notice of Hearing") issued by the Commission in this docket on August 29, 2017.

In its Order, the Commission noted that Rocky Mountain Power had reached a Settlement Stipulation with certain parties on the merits of its Compliance Filing and Request to Complete All Analyses Required Under the Net Metering Statute for the Evaluation of the Net Metering Program ("Request") and, as a result, the Commission vacated hearing on the merits of the Request set for September 18, 2017 to September 22, 2017. The Commission then set a new hearing to commence on September 18, 2017 to hear evidence and argument on the Settlement Stipulation. In its Notice of Hearing on the Settlement Stipulation, the Commission required that "[a]ll parties must have their witnesses in attendance and prepared to testify." The Commission also noted that "[i]f any party to this docket objects to this schedule, the party should file that objection on or before September 11, 2017.

UAE submits this Objection on the following grounds. UAE intends to submit pre-filed testimony discussing its concerns regarding the Settlement Stipulation. UAE anticipates filing that testimony this week. Unfortunately, UAE's witness for this testimony is not able to attend the September 18, 2017 hearing in person. That witness will, however, be available to attend the September 18 hearing by telephone to offer his testimony and to respond to cross-examination, if any.

As such, UAE requests either that its witness be permitted to attend the hearing by telephone or that the Commission change the date of the hearing to allow its witness to attend. Regardless of the Commission's decision on this matter, UAE will agree to waive cross-examination on all testimony filed to date. UAE will also agree to stipulate the pre-filed testimony of its witness into the evidentiary record if no cross-examination is requested.

DATED this 11th day of September, 2017.

Respectfully submitted

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