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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

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To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities

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Date: March 11, 2014

Subject: Docket No. 14-035-18: In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of its Agreement for Electric Service to Additional Customers with Helper City, Utah.

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**RECOMMENDATION: (Approve)**

The Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) approve the Customer Service Agreement between Rocky Mountain Power and Helper City.

**ISSUE**

In an application dated February 7th, 2014, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) requests that the Commission approve its agreement with Helper City (City), whereby the

Company and City agree pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 63G-4-201, 203 and Utah Admin. Code R746-100-3, that the Company will continue to provide electric service to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Customers), which are located within the municipal boundaries of the City.

## **DISCUSSION**

Senate Bill 180 (SB 180), passed in the 2013 General Session, provides a framework for the transfer of customers between an electric corporation and a municipality. Specifically, this statute provides a framework for new customers who request service after June 15, 2013. Contracts under this statute are approved by the Commission.

According to the Company, the Customers are located in the northern part of the City. The City does not have facilities located around the customers. The Company has provided service for these Customers in excess of ten years. The Company has also stated they do provide maintenance and repair services to Helper City. This agreement will not affect any other current Rocky Mountain Power Customers.

The agreement between the Company and the City is dated January 30th, 2014.<sup>1</sup> The petition is provided as a convenience to the Customers and is based upon the unique circumstances and conditions associated with the location of the Customers; i.e. that it is presently uneconomic for the City to provide electric service to the Customers, but it is relatively convenient and economical for the Company to continue to provide electric service as it has for over ten years. Pursuant to Utah Administrative Code Section 10-8-14, the parties have petitioned the Commission for approval of the Agreement.

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<sup>1</sup> January 30, 2014 is the date of the most recent signature on the document.

**Conclusion**

Given these factors, the Division recommends Commission approval of RMP's agreement with Helper City.

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